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Paul Odum Tops the Field at Beau Rivage Main Event

Paul Odum, from Canton, Georgia, topped a field of 140 runners who each ponied up $2,000 + $100 to enter the main event the Beau Rivage Spring Break Poker Classic in Biloxi, Mississippi. Odum, who earned $89,630 for his efforts tallied his first-ever tournament victory and his biggest payday to date when he bested second place finisher Mark Rose. Rose who hails from Edna, Texas, has lifetime winnings in excess of $550,000 and earned $49,341 for his finish in Biloxi.

Finishing third was Frank Alpandinar, who earned $27,160, while Brian Senie won $21,728 for finishing fourth and Calvin Belton earned $16,298 when he came in fifth.

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William Vo Takes Opening Event at Hustler's Spring Classic

William Vo outlasted 454 entrants to capture the opening event at Liz flint's Spring Poker Classic at the Hustler Casino. Vo, a local Southern California player from Pacific Palisades, outlasted Ronald "Check-Raise Ron" Moore to take first place prize money of $14,000.

The tournament series comprises 10 no-limit hold'em events and runs through April 26. Follow our coverage right here in *Poker Player Newspaper.*

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Ali Eslami Wins Inaugural WSOP Circuit Western Regional Championship

By Nolan Dalla

Ali Eslami, from Los Angeles, CA captured the inaugural World Series of Poker circuit western regional championship, which debuted at Harrah's Rincon Resort and Casino, near San Diego. Eslami collected $282,242 in prize money and qualified for an automatic seat into the WSOP circuit national championship.

Eslami endured a number of ups and downs en route to his victory and arrived at the final table with only a slightly above-average stack—fourth in chip count. About midway through the final table, he regained the momentum of the previous day, and won a convincing victory.

Tim West, fresh off his victory in the Wynn Classic Main Event just a week earlier, arrived at the final table with a big chip lead. In fact, he was ahead nearly 2-to-1 in chips over his closest rivals. West would

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Mark Pearse Wins Record Breaking Opening Event at Harrah's St. Louis

A whopping 843 players registered for the opening circuit event at Harrah's St. Louis, shattering last year's record of 675. The two-day event was won by Mark Pearse of Taylorville, IL, who took home $47,096.

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Mike Caro
The MAD GENIUS of Poker
Today's word is...
"CONFIDENCE"
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POKER NEWS

BY HALEY HINTZE

'FRANK BILL' REINTRODUCED IN D.C.

With each new Congress comes a new bill to create a regulatory mechanism for online gambling at the federal level. 2011's version has been introduced, and it's exactly the same as 2010's, except for a new title. Barney Frank (D-MA) and John Campbell (R-CA) are the lead sponsors of this year's edition, dubbed the Internet Gambling Regulation, Consumer Protection, and Enforcement Act (H.R. 1174). It should clear the Finance Committee with ease before moving on to the House and Senate floors for full debate.

POKERSTARS-BACKED REGULATORY MEASURE ON NEVADA LEGISLATIVE SCHEDULE

Per a report first printed by the Las Vegas Review-Sun, major online site PokerStars was confirmed to be a contributing force behind the recent introduction of a Nevada measure aiming to create a significant state-based regulatory mechanism for online poker. PokerStars hired former gambling regulator Randall Sayre and former state representative Richard Perkins as lobbyists supporting Nevada Bill AB 258, which is currently being debated by the Nevada Assembly Committee on Judiciary. Powerful interests have lined up on both sides of this one, with US Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) among those speaking out against the bill.

WYNN, CAESARS, STATION CASINOS ANNOUNCE ONLINE-POKER PACTS

Something has shifted in the Nevada political scene, with three different Nevada-based casino groups partnering up with large online poker companies in recent weeks. Caesars Entertainment received regulatory approval of its working arrangement with online giant 888 Holdings (888Poker and Pacific Poker), with two other new pacts just announced as well. Longtime online gaming holdout Steve Wynn has joined forces with PokerStars, and Station Casinos has reached a deal with Full Tilt. The exact nature of the agreements has yet to be fully spelled out, and the pacts may still need further approval. The rush to sign these deals, however, indicates that the Nevada legislative push may soon come to fruition.

RUSSIANS DOMINATE MARCH EURO STOPS

The World Poker Tour's recent trip to Vienna, Austria, drew a strong international field of 555 players, with Russia's Dmitry Gromov eventually taking down top honors. Gromov's breakthrough here was worth €447,840 (about $631,400), with Gromov eliminating fellow Russian Maxim Kolosov (€241,180) for the title. This followed a win by Russia's Vladimir Geshkenbein days earlier at the nearby European Poker Tour Snowfest event, with Geshkenbein topping Belgium's Kevin Vandersmissen for that tourney's €390,000 (about $550,000) top prize. Vandermissen's runner-up showing was worth €260,000.

FACEBOOK POKER-CHIP THIEF SENTENCED TO PRISON

Unreformed computer hacker Ashley Mitchell was sentenced to two years in prison for stealing billions of play-money poker chips from Zynga, makers of the popular Facebook poker application. The chips have no real-money worth but are redeemable for other things of value, and Mitchell, a 28-year-old UK citizen, sold off chunks of the 400 billion play credits he stole for tens of thousands of dollars. Mitchell picked up an extra six months of jail time for failing to adhere to the terms set following a previous hacking conviction.

HAWAII JOINS STATE-BASED REGULATORY PUSH

Legal and fully licensed intrastate online poker in Hawaii? That's what will come to be if a new state measure, SB 755, comes to pass. This one looks to be a longshot, with the pro-regulatory language inserted as a rewrite of an existing measure by two Democratic legislatures, with their Republican counterparts already mounting publicity attacks in a state where no form of gambling is currently legal.

Haley Hintze is a freelance journalist who closely follows all the doings in the world of poker.

Caro's Word: "Confidence"

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Confidence is greatly misunderstood as a poker trait. In today's self-interview, I'll set the record straight.

Question 1: In poker, are winners more confident than losers?

Absolutely.

Winning builds confidence. Seeing the sun wake you up many mornings in a row gives you confidence that the darkest night won't last forever. Turning a key in the ignition and listening to your engine hum for the 200th consecutive time makes you confident that you can start your car that way.

So, yes, when you win often at poker, you're confident that you can keep doing it. Conversely, most losers get discouraged. They don't know what the magic is to winning. They wonder whether they'll ever win again. Losers typically display little confidence—and sometimes no confidence whatsoever.

Question 2: So only winners display confidence in poker?

No.

I've seen cowboy lookalikes saunter up to the table, appearing menacing and, not long thereafter, limp away. Embarrassed. Whimpering. Those guys displayed plenty of confidence. They just didn't have the skill to match.

Confidence is important for winners at poker, for whom it can add profit. But it's a disaster for losers. Teaching weak players to be confident in poker is like dropping cats into a lake from a speedboat so that they won't continue to fear large bodies of water. Almost all of us have tried that experiment, but if your results were like mine, your cats didn't gain a bit of confidence, either.

Question 3: Somewhere during that muddled analogy, you said that "confidence is important for winners at poker." Isn't confidence natural for winners and mostly unnatural for losers? So, why bother?

It's natural for winners while they're winning. Unfortunately, most players who have a long-term expectation of profit, because they have the talent to make consistently good decisions, get confused when they run badly. They often lose confidence.

Please understand, being confident won't help you get better cards. And being unconfident won't bring you bad cards. But your level of confidence will affect the results you get

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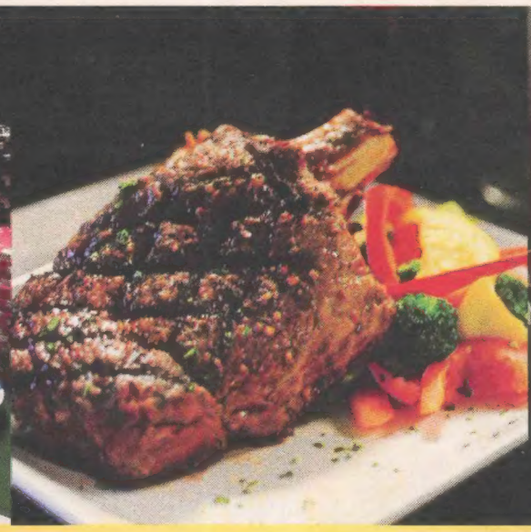

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Harrahs St. Louis WSOP Circuit Event

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handed, Phil Stelzer ran his As-9h all-in into Hugh Drummond's pocket kings. Drummond flopped a set to eliminate Stelzer, who took home $15,998.

Mark Pearse sniffed out a bluff when Hugh Drummond moved all-in on a Qh-3d-Qc-3c-Jd board. Pearse pondered, but eventually made the right call with just a king-high. His Kc-5c crippled Drummond, who had T-8. Shortly after, Drummond was all-in with A-J vs. Pearse's pocket fives. The fives held, eliminating the final table's once dominating chip leader in stunning fashion. Drummond took home $21,436 in third place prize money.

Heads-up play featured Mark Pearse and Charlie Dawson nearly dead even in chips. They got it all-in on the first hand of heads-up play when Dawson re-raised Pearse pre-flop for all of his chips. Pearse called with pocket treys while Dawson tabled Ah-Th.

The final board blanked for Dawson, giving Pearse a remarkable comeback victory. Dawson's second place finish was worth $29,102. For his victory, Pearse took home $47,096 and the WSOP Circuit gold ring.

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6. Paul Giles $4,762
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3. Captain Tom Franklin . $5,891
4. Jim Rye $4,326

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BUY-IN $345
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3. Paul Jepsen $18,878
4. Donald Swentik ... $14,039
5. Ryan Hill $10,582
6. Christopher Feiner .. $8,082
7. Darrell Swentik $6,254
8. Brett Balber $4,902

RING EVENT 1 — 4/1/11
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BUY-IN $345
PLAYERS 843
PRIZE POOL **$241,510**

1. Mark Pearse $47,096
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9B	4/16	SAT	3PM	**RE-ENTRY NLH**	$175+$25	15,000	3,000	
9C	4/17	SUN	3PM	**RE-ENTRY NLH**	$175+$25	15,000	3,000	$150,000
9D	4/18	MON	5PM	**RE-ENTRY NLH**	$175+$25	15,000	3,000	
	4/19	TUES	6PM	**FINALS**				
10	4/19	TUES	7PM	**NLH TURBO**	$75+$15	5,000	2,000	
11	4/20	WED	7PM	**DONKEYFEST**	$75+$15 ($50 RB)	2,500	3000/4000AO	
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13A	4/22	FRI	5PM	**RE-ENTRY NLH**	$225+$25	17,000	3,000	
13B	4/23	SAT	3PM	**RE-ENTRY NLH**	$225+$25	17,000	3,000	
13C	4/24	SUN	3PM	**RE-ENTRY NLH**	$225+$25	17,000	3,000	$200,000
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Grounds for Elevation

CONNORS' CORNER

BY BARBARA CONNORS

In poker, a raise can serve a multitude of purposes. By far the two most common motives for raising are to get more money in, and to drive opponents out. The first is a pretty straightforward proposition. Any time you believe that you have the best of it, whether in the form of the strongest hand or the most promising draw, you want to build up a nice juicy pot. You are raising for value.

The number two incentive for raising is to eliminate opponents. If you're holding a good-but-not-great hand such as top pair, your odds of victory are still looking iffy, but they increase as your number of opponents decreases. So you'd prefer to push opponents out of the hand sooner rather than later, before they have the chance to make a better hand.

Whether or not you'll succeed in driving out opponents with your raise depends on a number of factors, beginning with position. All things being equal, putting in a raise when you're under the gun is going to drop a lot more opponents than a raise from late position. Your table image also has a lot to do with it; raises from nits tend to be taken very seriously, while raises from habitual maniacs, not so much. There's also the size of the pot, and of course in no-limit and pot-limit, the size of the raise itself.

In the same general category is raising to give your opponents the wrong odds to draw. If you flop top pair but there's an obvious flush draw on the board, you'd prefer to get rid of anybody with aspirations of chasing a flush. But if you can't make them go away, you can at least charge a fee for the chance to suck out. Make them pay too much, so that mathematically they'll be making a mistake by calling. This is especially important in no-limit and pot-limit, where you can specifically design your raise to be the exact amount that would make it incorrect for opponents to draw.

Raising can also be done as a bluff or semi-bluff. Done as a pure bluff, raising can be a dicey proposition. If it doesn't work the cost can be crippling. Raising on a semi-bluff offers a little more protection. For example, if you've got a hand like second pair with an overcard kicker, or a straight draw with only one card to come, you'd like your opponent(s) to fold post haste. But even if you get called, you can still catch one of your outs to win.

We can also raise to get a free card. Generally this works best from late position, and it should be done on an early, cheap round of betting—with the aim to buy a free card on a more expensive round. A classic example is raising from last position with a drawing hand on the flop. Because so many poker players are apt to "check to the raiser," the action will likely be checked over to you on the turn. If the turn card didn't help your hand, you can then just check along and get a free look at the river.

Finally, raising can also be done as a means to gain information, based on your opponent's response. With your raise, you are sending the other players a message: My hand is strong. If your opponent re-pops it, he is telling you that he's not impressed by your show of strength. This is valuable information, but most of the time it's not, in and of itself, a good enough reason to raise because it's too expensive. However, if you're considering a raise for other reasons and you have a borderline decision, knowing that a raise will help you gain information about the strength of your opponent's hand may be enough to tip the scales in favor of pushing out that raise.

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THE FAMILY THAT PLAYS TOGETHER...

BACK IN THE SADDLE AGAIN

BY OKLAHOMA SARAH HALE

I had an interesting revelation the other day while player poker. I was out in Wendover, Nevada visiting my dear friend, Jody Russel at the Montego Bay, where he's the poker room manager and has really done a great job promoting and growing the poker room. I felt honored to be asked to be the celebrity hostess for The Montego Bay Poker Challenge. I had such a nice time and got to meet a bunch of talented and very friendly poker players.

I invited my folks out to play in some of the events and celebrate my birthday with me. It was the second tournament of the challenge and somehow my mom and I ended up at the same table. The tournament was a H.O. tournament (half no-limit hold'em and half pot-limit Omaha). Omaha is not my best game and I think both my mom and I were a little rusty. I had somehow managed to build up a decent chip stack and had outlasted three-quarters of the field. I decided that my strategy would be to play more aggressively in the hold'em rounds and lay back during Omaha rounds unless I had a minimum of thirty eight points in my hand, meaning that the face value of my cards would determine the point value.

I looked down to see A-K-Q-9 and decided that this hand was worth playing. Sure enough, the flop was A-K-9 and I really liked my three pair, that is until I bet the pot of $4,500 and my mother, of all people, instantly shoved all-in on me. My mom is a solid rock and not very bluffy. I automatically thought she had to have a set. I start to plead with her and whined, "Come on, I'm your daughter!" She smiled sweetly and said that I had no choice but to lay it down and said she would show me her cards once the hand was done.

I decided it wasn't worth my tournament life. After all, my mom would never bluff me—would she? I would rather bet my chips than call them off and had no doubt I would cash in the tournament based on my chip stack as long as I didn't go broke on this hand. I finally decided that laying down my hand was the only option I could live with. My mom turned over her hand and said, "I had the straight," and showed Q-J-T-9. I shook my head and thought for a moment and realized there wasn't a straight possible yet. Sure she had a wrap and a very nice draw but my hand was essentially the nuts! I was so perturbed and couldn't believe my own mother would bluff me.

My mom later explained that she misread her hand and legitimately thought she flopped a straight. It took me about twenty minutes to shake it off and put my focus back on the task at hand, winning the tournament. I ended up chopping the tournament with a couple of good players and my mom won the day before. Even though the unintentional bluff stung a little, I couldn't be happier to be part of a poker-playing family. We have a saying in our home, "The family that plays together stays together," I just don't want them at my table anymore!

OK-SARAH POKER TIP

"Someone once asked me why women don't gamble as much as men do, and I gave the commonsensical reply that we don't have as much money. That was a true but incomplete answer. In fact, women's total instinct for gambling is satisfied by marriage."

—Gloria Steinem

I am OK Sarah and I always Stay Lucky!

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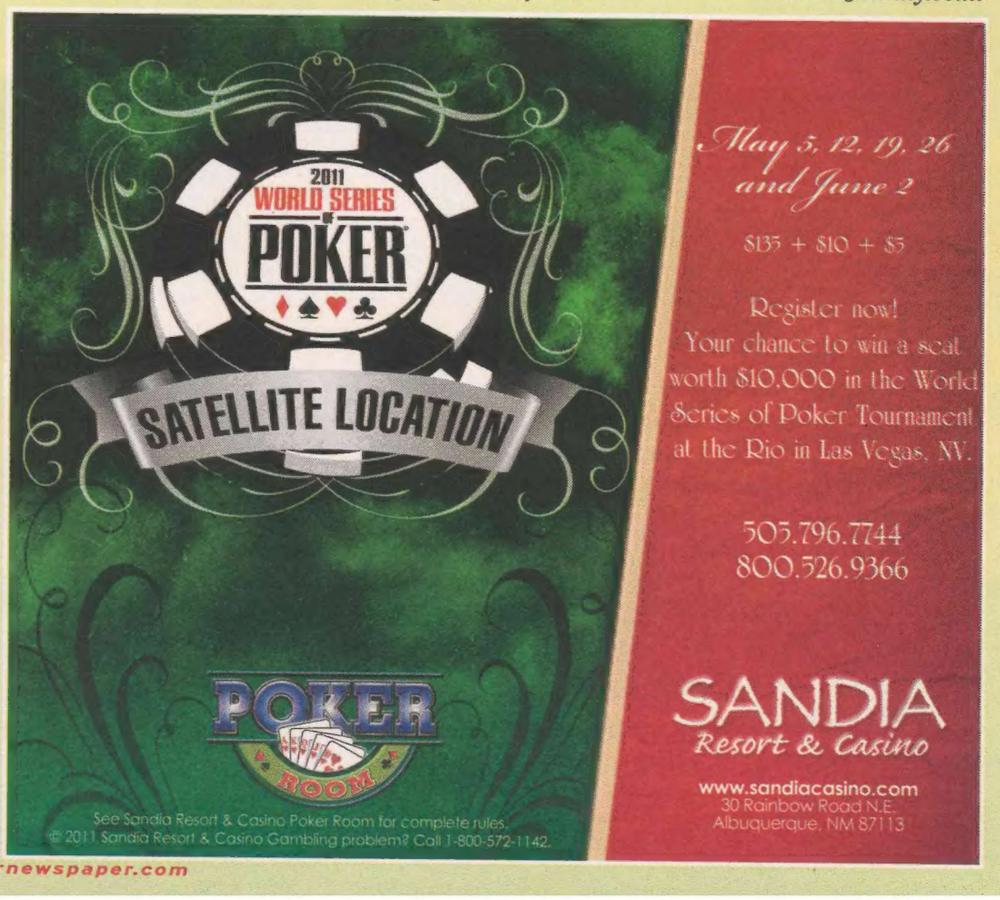

Win your $10,000 WSOP Seat at Sandia. Five seats are up for grabs at Sandia on May 5, 12, 19, 26, and June 2 at 7 p.m. Win your way into the main event through $35 sit n goes or buy your way in for only $150. Sit n goes run every Monday and Wednesday from 4 p.m.-2 a.m. until May 2 with first and second place finishers winning a seat in the main event. Main event players will start with 10,000 in tournament chips and will play 30 minute levels. A minimum of 75 players is required to award a $10,000 seat. There are no alternates, so don't be late. For more information see the Sandia ad in this issue of *Poker Player Newspaper.*

New for 2011 at the Suncoast! All hold'em cash games are eligible for the $800 single table bad beat. Aces beaten will get the loser $500 and the winner will receive $300. Both cards must play. Daily progressive high hands earn cash. Four-of-a-kind starts at $50, royals start at $100, and as of this printing a diamond royal flush will get you $2,000 and a spade royal will get you $1,155. The high hand pool grows daily until it's hit, so head over to Suncoast and take a chance on making a royal.

Suncoast runs two daily no-limit events, the first at 10 a.m. and again at 7 p.m. The buy-in is $40 and players receive 3,000 in tournament chips, an additional $5 will get you another 1,000 in chips. If you sign up at least 5 minutes before the start of the tournament you will receive another 1,000 in chips for a total of 5,000 starting chips. For more information on Suncoast see their ad in this issue of *Poker Player Newspaper.*

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Players can buy directly into the main event for $1,100, play $85 single table satellites or $260 super satellites on Tuesdays-Fridays at each tournament. Players start with 20,000 in tournament chips with 45 minute levels. The $200,000 championship round will be held at Red Rock on May 24 - 25. First place wins 30 percent of prize pool and a his or hers engraved gold Rolex. The top 25 players from each tournament and top 20 point earners overall will qualify for the championship event with only 120 players qualifying. For more information on Station's $1 million guaranteed event see their ad in this issue of *Poker Player Newspaper.*

Nevada State Poker Championship. Don't miss the Peppermill's Nevada State Poker Championship hosted by seven time WSOP bracelet winner Men "The Master" Nguyen on May 13 – 23, 2011. This is sure to be one of the biggest events in Northern Nevada and will be televised in conjunction with the Heartland Poker Tour! Jennifer Harman returns to the Peppermill to host her Celebrity Charity Poker Event Saturday, May 21 and brings with her over 75 poker celebrities including: Marco Traniello, Howard Lederer, Todd Brunson, Andy Bloch, Daniel Negreanu, Mike Matusow, Barry Greenstein, and yours truly. Those Interested in registering an entire team should contact Gina Intrieri-Trampusch at (262) 573-1183 or via email Gina@jenniferharmancpt.com. Mention code EPOK511 for special room rate. For more information see their ad in this issue of *Poker Player Newspaper.*

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It Didn't Come Easley—Seneca Easley Wins WSOP Circuit Main Event Championship at Harrah's Rincon

By Nolan Dalla

Seneca Easley blasted away the competition at the Harrah's Rincon World Series of Poker circuit main event to collect $70,384 for the victory, which came a brutally tough battle against a field of 188 players that included a nearly four-hour heads-up marathon with runner up Shaun Walker.

Easley's approach to poker and the inherent challenges of the game is perhaps best summed up in the small tattoo emblazoned on his lower neck, which reads, "It's Far From Over."

"It's my personal motto," Easley stated in a post-victory interview. "I never give up. Never. Even when things do not go my way, I always remember—it's far from over."

At one point at the final table, Easley was all-in with his tournament life at stake holding an underpair with the shorter stack against a higher pocket pair, but he caught magic, spiked a set on the flop, and went on to victory.

But Easley was also on the losing end of more than his fair share of hands, as well—particularly on the final day. Whenever Easley took a hit and lost chips, he never blinked or flinched.

"It's all part of the game," Easley said later of moments when he lost chips late in the tournament. "It's supposed to happen. Poker is like that—you are going to lose some hands you should win, and vice-versa."

Easley's championship victory came only a few days after his close friend and poker traveling companion Mstr Lynch won his second WSOP circuit gold ring at Harrah's Rincon. Lynch, who also resides in the Dallas area and lives close to Easley, was declared the best all-around player at this series and, along with Easley, won a seat in into the $1 million WSOP circuit national championship in May.

"We are not surprised at all by any of this," Easley said matter-of-factly when asked what he and Lynch were thinking the first day they drove into the parking lot at Harrah's Rincon. "Like I said before, it's supposed to happen. We came to win. We play to win."

Runner up Shaun Walker's final table performance was arguably the most impressive of all, starting eighth in chip position out of the nine players at the final table. Heads-up play between Walker, a 29-year-old poker player from Huntington Beach, CA, who took home $43,480, and Easley took nearly four hours.

On the final hand of the tournament Easley had K-Q versus Walker's 7-7. All the chips went in before the flop. A queen flopped, giving Easley the lead and the victory after two blanks hit on the turn and river.

Easley's victory solidified a stellar effort by Texans in Harrah's Rincon events. Four of the ten gold rings at stake were won by players from Texas. Easley (Fort Worth, TX) won the Main Event. Mstr Lynch (Lewisville, TX) won two gold rings. Justin "Choctaw" Kruger (Denison, TX) won a gold ring, as well.

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WSOP Western Regional Championship

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end up in a heads-up battle with Eslami for the title.

Heads-up play began with Eslami holding close to a 3-to-2 chip advantage over West. The duo battled for about an hour, with Eslami gradually applying more pressure with the bigger stack. He chipped away at West and was the aggressor during most of the duel.

The final hand of the tournament was dealt when all of West's chips went in before the flop. West, with A-Q, was hoping to win a race against Eslami. Instead, he encountered a nightmare scenario. Eslami had pocket aces. The rockets held up and eliminated West from the tournament. West's consolation prize was $174,443.

Ali Eslami, primarily a cash game player, won the first-ever Western Regional Championship on the WSOP Circuit. He is known mostly as a cash-game specialist. This $10,000 buy-in No-Limit Hold'em tournament was the final event held at this year's Harrah's Rincon series.

HARRAHS RINCON 3/27/11
WSOP WESTERN REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
NO LIMIT HOLD'EM
BUY-IN $10,300
PLAYERS 98
PRIZE POOL **$950,600**

1. Ali Eslami $282,242
2. Tim West $174,443
3. Duane Blanchard . $124,204
4. Steve Brecher..... $90,223
5. David Peters $66,834
6. Dana Kellstrom ... $50,455
7. Dwyte Pilgrim $38,808
8. Dylan Wilkerson ... $30,397
9. Miller Dao $24,235

Hustler

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HUSTLER CASINO
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EVENT 3 4/7/11
NO LIMIT HOLD'EM
BUY-IN $125 + $25

PLAYERS 114
REBUYS 76
PRIZE POOL **$21,850**

1. John Cann $7,000
2. Ahmed Hooshmand . $3,700
3. Kanokvan Somchub . $2,450
4. Jeremy Hamey $1,920
5. Chris Light $1,600
6. Howard Doerfling .. $1,350

EVENT 2 4/6/11
NO LIMIT HOLD'EM TURBO
BUY-IN $75 + $15

PLAYERS 95
PRIZE POOL **$7,125**

1. George Kozel $2,500
2. Aaron Baumann $1,400
3. Kit Sheltman $925
4. Argenise Gonzalez $625
5. Timothy Umali $475

EVENT 1 4/4/11
NO LIMIT HOLD'EM
BUY-IN $125 + $25

PLAYERS 454
PRIZE POOL **$55,048**

1. William Vo $14,000
2. Ronald Moore $7,150
3. James Batke $4,000
4. Unknown $3,350
5. Donald Sinclair $2,675
6. Robert Rafay $2,200

Harrahs Rincon

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HARRAH'S RINCON
WSOP CIRCUIT EVENT
RING EVENT 9 3/24/11
NO LIMIT HOLD'EM
BUY-IN $1,600

PLAYERS 188
PRIZE POOL **$270,720**

1. Seneca Easley..... $70,384
2. Shaun Walker $43,480
3. Narinder Khasria .. $31,395
4. Patrick Karschamroon $23,057
5. Paul Hails $17,226
6. Hayden Fortini $13,089
7. Lori Nunes $10,111
8. Michael Simon $7,940
9. Alexandru Masek ... $6,335

HARRAH'S RINCON
WSOP CIRCUIT EVENT
RING EVENT 8 3/22/11
NO LIMIT HOLD'EM
BUY-IN $1,000 + $80

PLAYERS 97
PRIZE POOL **$94,090**

Mstr Lynch

1. Mstr Lynch $25,236
2. Lance Federick $15,598
3. Jonathan Dimmig .. $11,106
4. Daniel Casetta $8,067
5. Conrad Monica $5,976
6. Rip Fritzer $4,511
7. William Wolf $3,470

Caro's Word: "Confidence"

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from the cards you're dealt.

There are two main reasons for this: Image and attitude.

When you seem confident, opponents are more leery. They fear you know exactly what you're doing and will somehow get their money. As a result, opponents don't push some advantages against winners who seem confident. Their fear causes them to get less value from hands, because they don't aggressively pursuing edges. That works in your favor.

And your confidence confuses opponents who don't know what to expect next from you. So, they tend to call more often than they should and make many other mistakes. These mistakes can be traced to the fact that they're wasting too much of their mental energy worrying about you, rather than making quality decisions.

Conversely, when you're losing and don't display confidence, opponents feel comfortable and attack. They get maximum value from hands when they have an advantage. Unfortunately, just showing confidence isn't quite enough in this case, because opponents will become inspired and play better if you're conspicuously losing, even if you seem confident. Keeping a confident attitude, though, will diminish that effect and save you money. But you should pretty much stop attacking and wait out long droughts until the cards make you a force to be reckoned with again.

So, when you're running bad, back off, but remain confident—and let others know it.

Question 4: Any tips for how to portray confidence?

Yes, you should make your bets, calls, and raises, briskly and with certainty. Do that even when you fold. This tends to unnerve many foes. The only time to seem hesitant is when you're doing it on purpose to lure a call or disguise a hand.

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Phil Reed Wins Foxwoods Poker Classic

The 2011 Foxwoods Poker Classic $2,500 no-limit hold'em championship attracted 284 entrants competing for a $640,490 prize pool, with the final three players agreeing on a deal that left Michael Lavoie of Wolcott, CT, in third with $79,967, Ron Pease of Glastonbury, CT in second with $108,295, while Phil Reed of Washington, DC walked away with the winner's share of $114,050.

It was Reed's second largest career cash. His biggest payday came when he finished second in Harrah's Atlantic City WSOP circuit main event, winning $147,707. Reed's career earnings total $432,455.

The deal was reached after Hoboken, NJ resident, Todd Terry was eliminated in fourth place, which was good for 46,755. Canadian Darren Keys finished fifth, winning $35,868.

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FOXWOODS POKER CLASSIC
NO LIMIT HOLD'EM MAIN EVENT
BUY-IN $2,325 + $175

PLAYERS 284
PRIZE POOL **$640,090**

Phillip Reed

1. Phillip Reed $114,050
2. Ron Pease $108,295
3. Michael Lavoie $79,967
4. Todd Terry $46,755
5. Darren Keys $35,868
6. Justin Schwartz ... $29,142
7. Rodney Legendre .. $24,339
8. David Whalen $19,855
9. Kyle Loman $16,666

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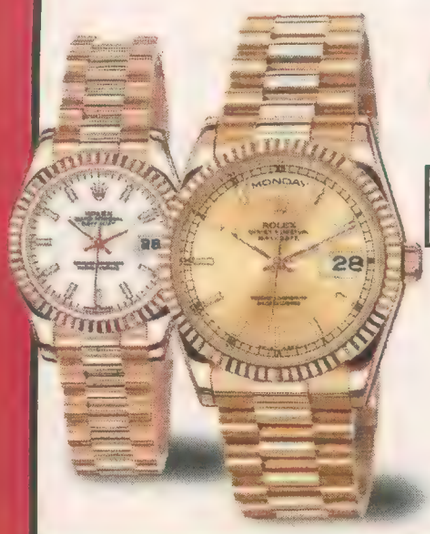

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Mad Genius Advertising

LESSONS FROM MIKE CARO UNIVERSITY OF POKER

BY DIANE McHAFFIE

Once you master all of the intricacies of poker, only then have you reached the position of attempting Mike Caro's method of strategic poker advertising.

The style of advertising that Mike applies isn't necessarily for the faint of heart. Most players initially find it difficult to purposely throw money away, although if it's going to help them acquire profit in the long run, it doesn't take very much persuading.

Atmosphere: The Mad Genius finessed his image so that his wild actions appear to be for entertainment, when his purpose is to earn a profit. This technique is usually for very skilled poker players and should be applied infrequently, and only if the atmosphere at the table is right.

Plopping himself down at the table, the Mad Genius proceeds to quickly dump approximately $600 to chosen opponents who have no clue that battle lines have been drawn. There is a knack to pulling this off successfully. You must carefully select your unwitting accomplices, so you receive the appropriate reactions. Those who are most likely to enjoy the action and later talk about it are the best targets. They'll provide free advertising after the hand.

Temporary: Sometimes, you'll get lucky and win during your opening money giveaway. But that's fine, because often you get even more psychological credit for winning in bizarre ways than you will from losing. Usually though, you'll be generating a short-term windfall for your selected victims. Remember, this is only *temporary*—merely a loan, which you'll receive back with interest in due time.

I've witnessed the Mad Genius apply this technique and it's awesome. Time and again he appears to throw money recklessly into the pot, calling and raising sometimes without even looking at his cards. Of course, he's chatting amiably while totally confusing his opponents. Camaraderie and laughter abound as players rake in his money. Ah, but they are unaware that in the very near future, they'll be parting with those chips.

Wizard: To successfully accomplish this method of profiting from tossing money away, one must immediately become the focus of attention at the table. You're the wizard! Once you have everyone's attention, you have power. You own the table! You'll be able to play hands you normally would have folded and your opponents will call with even weaker hands, because your skill enables you to manipulate them. Your loose, reckless image encourages your opponents to call more, but be less aggressive with quality hands. Your advertising succeeds because those opponents are the easiest to beat.

But you should avoid advertising if you aren't planning on remaining at the table very long; it's not cost effective to toss away money you might not have time to reclaim.

If players are likely to be leaving it won't be profitable to perform either, and if there are only three or four players at the table, wait for others to join the game. You need a larger audience to execute your magic act. If there is discourse among the players, you aren't going to have everyone's full attention, which is necessary to succeed. Remember, you want to be the main act.

Pretend: OK, so maybe you're saying this just isn't an image you feel you can pull off. But wait, do you act the same around your Aunt Betty as you do with your best friend, Sally? Nope, I'm betting you don't. Everyone puts on an act, even my sister. Her actions in a room full of people differ when her husband is around than when he isn't. So, you can't tell me that you've never pretended to be someone you aren't.

So it is with poker players. They're on the poker stage, misleading their opponents about the power of their cards. This is why they broadcast tells.

In life as in poker we learn to make our personality fit the circumstances and notice when others appear uncomfortable. These observations, as well as selective advertising, can be used to our benefit.

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Heritage

A Joe & Hobby fiction by David J. Valley

Hobby and I flew to Panama City to meet Mike and the crew on *Lazybuns II* after it cleared the Panama Canal. Anyone who flies very often has a share of horror stories to tell, but never have I had so many things go wrong on one trip. The details are boring, but the bottom line was that we arrived a day late. Once on the ground at Panama City, Hobby called Mike and learned all was well with *Lazybuns*. We could take a water taxi and be aboard within an hour.

The weather was clear and comfortably hot on deck, great for relaxing and soaking up rays. On our second day running north, about thirty miles off the shore of Baja California, Hobby spotted the surface churning off our port bow. We stopped briefly and snagged a couple of 20-pound tuna before the school headed south. Pedro, the kid Hobby caught doing graffiti a couple of years ago, had become a valuable member of the crew. Lately he's been working in the galley turning out specialties like seviche, and with today's catch, some luscious sashimi complete with green dollops of wasabi. Ah yes, this life of leisure on the calm waters of the Pacific is just what I needed to unwind.

"Joe, you're not going to just sit on your ass and feed your face, are you?"

"Only until I get a better offer."

"Well, how about this. I started looking into my family's ancestry and I've hit a dead end. I can't find anyone beyond my grandfather."

"Hobby, there's a bunch of websites that'll help you trace your family tree. They know all about this stuff and have all the resources."

"I've tried them, Joe. But there's nothing there. My grandfather lived in San Francisco and was successful in the construction business. He sent my father to Stanford where he majored in finance and worked in the stock market. After he married and I was born the family moved to Beverly Hills … and that's it."

"What did your father tell you?"

"Next to nothing. When I was a kid he told me my grandfather invented the Fig Newton, which was named after him, but that was B.S., I learned later."

"Did you try to trace your grandmother's family?"

"Yeah, her maiden name was Mary Louise Smith. There was no way to find her among a trillion Smiths … Joe, you've got that funny look on your face. What are you thinking?"

"It may be nothing, but it was a common practice back in your grandmother's

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5/28	Sat.	12pm	No Limit Hold'em, with Rebuys* - $10,000 Guaranteed Prize Pool	1,000	20 mins	$20 + $20
5/29	Sun.	12pm	Four States Razz Championship*	4,000	25 mins	$85 + $15
5/29	Sun.	7pm	Four States H.O. Championship* - 1/2 NL Hold'em & 1/2 PLO	5,000	30 mins	$100 + $20
5/30	Mon.	12pm	"Bonnie and Clyde" - No Limit Hold'em, Mixed Couples*	5,000	30 mins	$100 + $20 per team
5/30	Mon.	7pm	Four States Triple Draw 2-7 Championship*	4,000	25 mins	$85 + $15
5/31	Tue.	12pm	No Limit Hold'em, Turbo	2,000	15 mins	$35 + $5
5/31	Tue.	7pm	Four States Hi-Lo Championship - 1/2 Stud/8 & 1/2 Omaha/8*	4,000	25 mins	$85 + $15
6/1	Wed.	12pm	Four States Limit Hold'em Championship*	3,000	20 mins	$60 + $10
6/1	Wed.	7pm	No Limit Hold'em Bounty Championship* - $25 bounties	5,000	30 mins	$75 + $25 + $20
6/2	Thur.	12pm	Four States 7-Stud Championship*	4,000	25 mins	$85 + $15
6/2	Thur.	7pm	No Limit Hold'em Shootout* - 20% advance from each table	3,000	20 mins	$60 + $10
6/3	Fri.	12pm	Four States PLO Championship*	6,000	30 mins	$200 + $30
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New for this year's event will be a competition for the **Best All Around Player.** The top 5 point winners will share the prize money and the All Around Champion will receive the Champion's trophy. All points will be awarded based on the buy-in amount of the event and the percentage of prize money won in an event. Please visit the Poker Room for complete details.

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Wk .....Week	N ..... No Limit	Pi.....Pineapple	Al .....Alternates	+.. Rebuys, Add-Ons OK
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	S .....Stud	Mx..Mexican Poker	Cz..... Crazy	F..... Freeroll
	7 ..7-Card Stud	DC .Dealer's Choice	E.....Elimination	Lad..... Ladies Only
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		MONDAY			TUESDAY			WEDNESDAY			THURSDAY			FRIDAY			SATURDAY			SUNDAY		
		TIME	GAMES	BUY-IN	TIME	GAMES	BUY-IN	TIME	GAMES	BUY-IN	TIME	GAMES	BUY-IN	TIME	GAMES	BUY-IN	TIME	GAMES	BUY-IN	TIME	GAMES	BUY-IN
LAS VEGAS & NEVADA SOUTH	**Aliante Station (11)**	12P		$30	12P		$30	12P		$30	12P		$30	12P		$30	12P		$30	12P		$30
		7P		$50	7P		$50	7P		$65	7P		$65	7P		$65	7P		$65	7P		$50
	Aquarius Resort & Casino	8A	Z	$17	8A	Z	$17	8A	Z	$17	8A	Z	$17	8A	Z	$17	8A	Z	$17	8A	Z	$17
	Aria	1P&		$125	1P&		$125	1P&		$125	1P&		$125	1P&		$125	1P&		$125	1P&		$125
	Bally's	11A&		$65	11A&		$65	11A&		$65	11A&		$65	11A		$65	11A		$65	11A		$65
	Bill's Gambling Hall & Saloon	2P&		$50	2P&		$50	2P&		$50	2P&		$50	2P&		$50	2P&		$50	2P&		$50
	Caesars Palace	9A&		$65	9A&		$65	9A&		$65	9A&		$65	9A&		$125	9A&		$65	9A&		$65
	Cannery Casino-Eastside (10)	7P		$25+	7P		$25+	7P		$25+	7P		$25+	7P		$25+	7P		$25+	7P		$25+
	Circus Circus																			12P		F
	Club Fortune-Henderson	7P		$45	7P	Razz	$45	7P		$115												
	Colorado Belle-Laughlin	10A&		$25	10A&		$25	10A		$25	10A&		$25	10A&		$25	10A		$25	10A&		$25
	Edgewater-Laughlin																			12P		$65
	Eureka-Mesquite	6P		$25+				6P		$25+	6P		$25+				1P		F	1P		$65
	Fitzgeralds	12P&		$35+	12P&		$35+	12P&		$35+	12P&		$35+	12P&		$35+	12P&		$35+	12P&		$35+
	Golden Nugget	11A&		$55+	11A&		$55+	11A&		$55+	11A&		$55+	11A&		$55+	11A&		$55+	11A&		$55+
	Green Valley Ranch (11)	10A		$40	10A		$40	10A		$40	10A		$40	10A		$40	10A		$40	10A		$40
		7P		$40	6P		$80	7P	HORSE	$40	6P		$40	6P		$40	6P		$40	6P		$40
	Hard Rock	12P		$55	12P		$55	12P		$55	12P		$55	12P		$55	12P		$55	12P		$55
		8P		$55	8P		$55	8P		$55	8P		$55	8P		$55	8P		$55	8P		$55
	Harrah's Las Vegas	10A&		$60	10A&		$60	10A&		$60	10A&		$60	10A&		$60	10A&		$60	10A&		$60
	Imperial Palace	1P		$50+	7P		$50+	1P		$50+	7P		$50+	1P			1P		$50+	1P		$50+
	Jokers Wild	6P		$25	6P		$25	6P		$25	6P		$25	6P		$25	6P		$25+	6P		$25+
	M Resort-Las Vegas	10A&		$55	10A&		$55	10A&		$55	10A&		$55	10A&		$55	10A&		$55	10A&		$55
	Mandalay Bay	10A&		$40	10A&		$40	10A&		$40	10A&		$40	10A&		$40						
	MGM Grand	11A&		$65	11A&		$65	11A&		$65	11A&		$65	11A		$65	11A		$65			
	Mirage	11A		$60	11A		$60	11A		$60	11A		$60	7P&		$150	11A&		$60	11A&		$60
	Monte Carlo	9A&		$50	9A&		$50	9A&		$50	9A&		$50	9A&		$50	9A&		$50	9A&		$50
	Palace Station (11)	11A		$30	11A		$30	11A		$30	11A		$30	11A		$30	11A		$30	11A		$30
		6P		$30	6P		$30	6P		$30	6P		$30	6P		$30	6P		$30	6P		$30
	Planet Hollywood	10A&		$70	10A&		$70	10A&		$70	10A&		$70	10A&		$70	10A&		$70	10A&		$70
	Plaza Casino	1P		$35+	1P		$35+	1P		$35+	1P		$35+	1P		$35+	1P		$35+	1P		$35+
	Poker Palace	6P		$17+	6P		$17+	6P		$17+	6P		$17+	6P		$17+	6P		$17+	6P		$17+
	Rampart	12P		$40	12P		$40	12P		$40	12P		$40	12P		$40				12P		$40
	Red Rock Station (11)	10A		$105	10A		$105	10A		$105	10A		$105	10A		$105	10A		$105	10A		$105
		6P		$65	6P		$65	6P		$65	6P		$65							6P		$65
	Rio Suite Casino	12P&		$40+	12P&		$40+	12P&		$40+	12P&		$40+	12P&		$40+	12P&		$40+	12P&		$40+
	River Palms	10A&		$30+	10A&		$30+	10A&		$30+	10A&		$30+	10A&		$30+	10A&		$30+	10A&		$30+
	Riviera Poker Room	10A&		$44+	10A&		$44+	10A&		$44+	10A&		$44+	10A&		$44+	10A&		$44+	10A&		$44+
	Sahara	11A&		$40+	11A&		$40+	11A&		$40+	11A&		$40+	11A&		$40+	11A&		$40+	11A&		$40+
	Sam's Town	7P&		$45	7P&		$45	7P&		$45	7P&		$45	11P&		$45	11P&		$45	7P&		$45
	Santa Fe Station (11)	12P		$40+	12P		$40+	12P		$40+	12P		$40+	12P		$40+	12P		$40+	12P		$40+
		7P		$55+	7P		$40+	7P		$40+	7P		$40+	6P		$40+	6P		$40+	7P		$40+
	Silverton	11A&		$50	11A&		$50	11A&		$50	11A&		$50	6P&		$60	6P&		$60	6P&		$60
	South Point Casino (22)	10A&		$65+RE	10A&		$65+RE	10A&		$65+RE	10A&		$65+RE	10A&		$65+RE	10A&		$65+RE	10A&		$65+RE
		7P		$65+RE	7P		$65+RE	7P		$65+RE	7P		$65+RE	7P		$65+RE	7P		$65+RE	7P		$65+RE
	Stratosphere	10&		$20+	10&		$20+	10&		$20+	10&		$20+	10&		$20+	10&		$20+	10&		$20+
	Sun Coast (6)	10A		$40+	10A		$40+	10A		$40+	10A		$40+	10A		$40+	10A		$40+	10A		$40+
		7P		$40+	7P		$40+	7P		$40+	7P		$40+	7P		$40+	7P		$40+	7P		$40+
	Sunset Station (11)	11A		$40	11A		$50+	11A		$40	11A		$50+	11A		$40	11A		$50+	11A		$50+
	Texas Station (11)				6P		$45	7P		$37	6P		$45							2P		$45
	Treasure Island	11A&		$50	11A&		$50	11A&		$50	11A&		$50	11A&		$50	11A&		$50	11A&		$50
	Tropicana Laughlin										6P		Var				2P		Var			
	Venetian	12P&		$145	12P&		$145	12P&		$145	12P&		$145	12P&		$145	12P&		$330	12P&		$145
	Virgin River Casino	6P		$35+							6P		$35+							2P		$35+
	Wynn Las Vegas	12P		$120	12P		$120	12P		$120	12P		$120	12P		$120	12P		$120	12P		$120
NEVADA NORTH	Atlantis Casino	11A		$75	11A		$75	11A		$75	11A		$75	11A&		$75	11A		$75	11A		$75
	Boomtown				7P		$22+							7P		$22+				7P		$22+
	Cactus Pete's-Jackpot	7P		$40				7P		$20+				7P		$75				12P		$30+
	Carson Valley Inn	12P		$20	6P		$25+				6P		$25+	12P		$20	12P		$20	6P&		$30
	Casino Fandango-Carson City																			11A		$45+
	Circus Circus	11A		$17	11A		$17	11A		$17	11A		$17	11A		$17	10A		$17	10A		$17
	Eldorado				6P		$60	6P		$60	6P		$60									
	Grand Sierra	11A&		$60	11A&		$60	11A&		$60	11A&		$60	11A&		$60	11A&		$60	11A&		$60
	Harrah's Reno	6P&		$40	6P&		$60	6P&		$30	6P&		$60	6P&		$60	6P&		$60	6P&		$40
	Harvey's Tahoe				6P		$25+															
	Peppermill	1P&		$25	1P		$25	1P&		$25	7P		$115+	6P		$110				2P		$35+
	Rainbow Cas. W Wendover	8P		$25+	8P		$25+							8P		$50	2P		$50+	3P		$130
	Sands Regency, Reno	10A&		$25	10A&		$25	10A&		$25	10A&		$25	10A&		$25	10A&		$25	10A&		$130
	Winners Hotel/Casino-Winnemucca	6P		$20+	6P	Varies	$20+	6P	Mixed Game	$20+	6P		$30+	6P		$20+	6P		$20+	6P	Varies	Varies
CALIFORNIA-LOS ANGELES	**Bicycle Club (2)**	12P		$40	12P		$40	12P		$40	12P		$40	12P		$40	12P		$40	12P		$40
		7P&		$60	7P&		$60	7P&		$60	7P&		$60	7P&		$60	7P&		$60	7P&		$60
	Club Caribe	8P		$10+																2P	Mx	$33
	Commerce Casino (24)	6P		$65+	6P		$65+	6P		$65+	6P		$65+	1P		$120+	1P		$120+	1P		$65+
	Crystal Casino	7P		$30+	7P		$30+	7P		$30+	7P		$50+	7P		$30+	7P		$30+	7P		$50+
	Diamond Jim's	6P	OPH	$25+	6P		$20+	6P	Ladies H	$25							1P	LH	$25+	1P&		$50
	Hawaiian Gardens (3)	1P&		$30	1P	OMA	$75	1P		$65	1P		$30	6P		$150	10A&		$75	2A&		$75
		6P&.		$65	6P		$75	6P		$55	6P		$75				6P&	Mx	$20	1P&		$30
	Hollywood Park (15)	11A		$45+	11A		$35+	11A		$45+	11A		$35+	11A		$35+	11A		$75+	11A		$40+
		6P		$50+	6P		$50+	6P		$50+	6P		$50+	6P		$40+	4P		$50	4P		$50
	Hustler Casino (7)	7P		$75	7P		$50	7P		$100+	7P		$100+	7P		$40+	7P		$20+	4P		$100
	Normandie Casino																3P	Pai Gow F	$5	1P		$5

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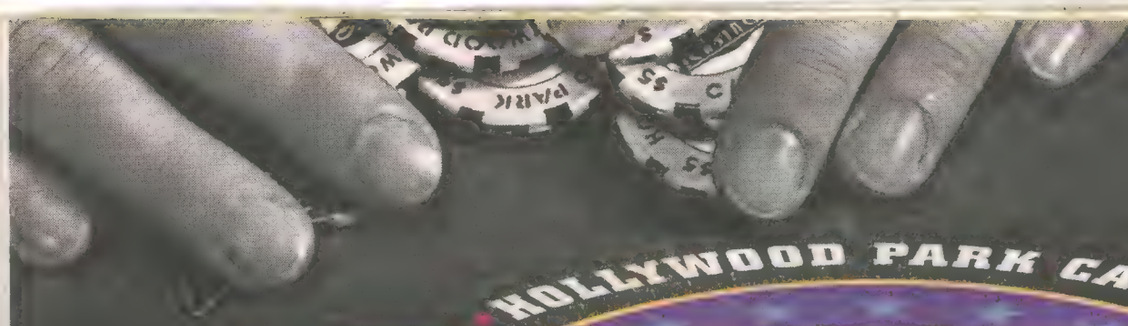

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DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT	BUY-IN	ENTRY	GUARANTEE
Wed	4/27/11	7:15PM	NO-LIMIT HOLD'EM Day 1A	$100	+ $25	
Thu	4/28/11	7:15PM	NO-LIMIT HOLD'EM Day 1B	$100	+ $25	$100,000 FINALS 5/1/11 Sunday 4PM
Fri	4/29/11	7:15PM	NO-LIMIT HOLD'EM Day 1C	$100	+ $25	
Sat	4/30/11	7:15PM	NO-LIMIT HOLD'EM Day 1D	$100	+ $25	
Sun	5/1/11	11:30AM	PNP SUNDAY NLH $10 Multi Rebuy	$25	+ $15	$10,000
Mon	5/2/11	7:15PM	NO-LIMIT HOLD'EM TURBO	$100	+ $25	
Tue	5/3/11	7:15PM	NO-LIMIT HOLD'EM	$100	+ $25	$25,000
Wed	5/4/11	7:15PM	NO-LIMIT HOLD'EM DEEPSTACK	$200	+ $30	
Thu	5/5/11	7:15PM	NO-LIMIT HOLD'EM BOUNTY	$125	+ $25	$25 KNOCKOUT
Fri	5/6/11	7:15PM	FRIDAY NIGHT CHALLENGE NO-LIMIT HOLD'EM $10 MULTI-REBUY	$25	+ $15	$15,000
Sat	5/7/11	3:00PM	WSOP SATELLITE SHOOTOUT	$100	+ $20	$10,000 WSOP MAIN EVENT SEAT AWARDED FOR EVERY 10 QUALFYING TABLES
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West Wins Wynn Classic

Tim West defeated Norwegian online wunderkind Annette "Annette 15" Obrestad heads up to capture first place at the $5,000 + $170 buy-in Wynn Classic in Las Vegas. For his victory, West took home $318,738—his biggest payday to date—and it must have motivated him too.

Only six days later West finished second to Ali Eslami at the WSOP circuit event western regional championship at Harrah's Rincon, outside of San Diego. For his second place finish there, West won $174,443, making his week's haul just a few thousand short of a half-million dollars.

Matthew Waxman took home $120,814 for his third place finish at the Wynn Classic, while fourth place finisher Max Steinberg walked away with $71,974, while fifth place finisher Eric Froelich AKA "EFro" won $51,410.

WYNN LAS VEGAS 3/21/11
WYNN CLASSIC NO LIMIT HOLD'EM MAIN EVENT
BUY-IN $5,000 + $170

PRIZE POOL **$1,028,210**

1. Tim West $318,738
2. Annette Obrestad . $215,922
3. Matthew Waxman $120,814
4. Max Steinberg $71,974
5. Eric Froelich $51,410
6. Vassilios Lazarou .. $41,128
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SPRING BREAK POKER CLASSIC
EVENT #16 3/27/11
NO LIMIT HOLD'EM MAIN EVENT
BUY-IN $2,000 + $100

PLAYERS 140
PRIZE POOL **$271,600**

1. Paul Odum $89,630
2. Mark Rose $49,431
3. Frank Alpandinar . $27,160
4. Brian Senie $21,728
5. Calvin Belton $16,296
6. Fred Sigur $13,580
7. Mike Dang $10,864
8. James Arruebarrena $8,148
9. Clint Schafer $5,432

EVENT #15 3/25/11
NO LIMIT HOLD'EM
BUY-IN $300 + $40

PLAYERS 161
PRIZE POOL **$46,851**

Tim Hebert

1. Tim Hebert..... $15,459
2. Anthony Moore $8,527
3. David Poor $4,685

EVENT #14 3/24/11
LIMIT OMAHA HI-LO 8/B
BUY-IN $300 + $40

PLAYERS 36
PRIZE POOL **$6,984**

Jacob Seale

1. Jacob Seale $3,143
2. Samuel Bailey $1,746

EVENT #13 3/24/11
NO LIMIT HOLD'EM
BUY-IN $300 + $40

PLAYERS 104
REBUYS 310
PRIZE POOL **$40,158**

Blake Barousse

1. Blake Barousse $14,457
2. Leroy Cheeseman ... $7,630
3. Tim Burt..... $4,819

EVENT #12 3/23/11
LIMIT HOLD'EM
BUY-IN $300 + $40

PLAYERS 36
PRIZE POOL **$6,984**

Mary Williams

1. Mary Williams $3,143
2. John Sparks $1,746

EVENT #11 3/23/11
NO LIMIT HOLD'EM BOUNTY
BUY-IN $300 + $40

PLAYERS 126
PRIZE POOL **$20,664**

Samuel Bailey

1. Samuel Bailey $6,819
2. Andrei Neema $3,761

EVENT #10 3/22/11
NO LIMIT HOLD'EM
BUY-IN $300 + $40

PLAYERS 109
PRIZE POOL **$21,146**

Randy Hollis

1. Randy Hollis $7,612
2. Natasha Barbour ... $4,018

EVENT #9 3/22/11
POT LIMIT OMAHA 8/B
BUY-IN $300 + $40

PLAYERS 40
PRIZE POOL **$7,760**

Murray Manderosian

1. Murray Manderosian $3,492
2. Joshua Palmer $1,940

EVENT #8 3/21/11
7-CARD STUD HI-LO 8/B
BUY-IN $300 + $40

PLAYERS 28
PRIZE POOL **$5,432**

David Delchamps

1. David Delchamps ... $2,444
2. Billy Harvill $1,630

EVENT #7 3/21/11
NO LIMIT HOLD'EM
BUY-IN $300 + $40

PLAYERS 91
REBUYS 83
PRIZE POOL **$33,756**

Tyler Smith

1. Tyler Smith $12,152
2. David Davis $6,414
3. Venkatesch Gupta .. $4,051

EVENT #6 3/20/11
POT LIMIT OMAHA
BUY-IN $300 + $40

PLAYERS 35
PRIZE POOL **$13,192**

1. David Todd $5,936
2. Stephen Hamontree . $3,298

EVENT #5 3/20/11
NO LIMIT HOLD'EM
BUY-IN $300 + $40

PLAYERS 145
PRIZE POOL **$28,130**

Ronny Sharpe

1. Ronny Sharpe $9,281
2. Joshua Palmer $5,120

EVENT #4 3/19/11
LADIES NO LIMIT HOLD'EM
BUY-IN $300 + $40

PLAYERS 36
PRIZE POOL **$6,984**

Brenda Whitten

1. Brenda Whitten $3,143
2. Dianne Bainter $1,746

EVENT #3 3/19/11
NO LIMIT HOLD'EM
BUY-IN $300 + $40

PLAYERS 273
PRIZE POOL **$52,962**

Farid Nasserazad

1. Farid Nasserazad .. $15,885
2. Brett Terrell $8,474
3. Richard Bratter $4,767

EVENT #2 3/18/11
LIMIT OMAHA HI-LO 8/B
BUY-IN $300 + $40

PLAYERS 51
PRIZE POOL **$9,894**

Joseph Burke

1. Joseph Burke $3,560
2. David Brooker $1,880

EVENT #1 3/18/11
NO LIMIT HOLD'EM
BUY-IN $300 + $40

PLAYERS 183
PRIZE POOL **$53,253**

Ray Small

1. Ray Small $17,571
2. Rodney Shows $9,692
3. Ted Lawler $5,325

RESULTS
DELAWARE PARK POKER CLASSIC

DELAWARE PARK CASINO EVENT #3
POKER CLASSIC NO LIMIT HOLD'EM
BUY-IN $340

PLAYERS 208
PRIZE POOL **$60,528**

Mark Hsu

1. Mark Hsu..... $14,525
2. Saad Ghanem..... $8,958
3. Thomas Hummel.... $6,053
4. Rodney Ord $4,297
5. Tim Farc..... $3,329

DELAWARE PARK CASINO EVENT #2
NO LIMIT HOLD'EM
BUY-IN $150

PLAYERS 545
PRIZE POOL **$64,855**

Mustafa Ali

1. Mustafa Ali..... $14,919
2. Antonio Meloro $9,119
3. Jessie Carter $6,044
4. Christian Ritchie.... $4,203

DELAWARE PARK CASINO EVENT #1
NO LIMIT HOLD'EM
BUY-IN $100

PLAYERS 478
PRIZE POOL **$36,328**

William Sachse

1. William Sachse $8,531
2. Brian Sciabarras $5,268
3. Jerome Maize..... $3,451

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		MONDAY			TUESDAY			WEDNESDAY			THURSDAY			FRIDAY			SATURDAY			SUNDAY		
		TIME	GAMES	BUY-IN	TIME	GAMES	BUY-IN	TIME	GAMES	BUY-IN	TIME	GAMES	BUY-IN	TIME	GAMES	BUY-IN	TIME	GAMES	BUY-IN	TIME	GAMES	BUY-IN
CALIF.-SAN DIEGO & INLAND EMPIRE	Harrah's Rincon	7P&	NH	$40	7P&	NH	$40	7P&	NHB	$40	7P&	NH	$40	12P	NH	$40	11A&	NH	$40	5P	NH	$50-$3Kguar
	Lake Elsinore	10A	NHB	$20+	10A&	NHB	$20+	10A&	NHB	$20+	10A	NHB	$20+	10A	NHB	$20+	10A	NH	$20+	12P	NH	$7+
	Lucky Lady	10A	NH	$25+	10A	NH	$25+	10A	NH	$25+	10A	NH	$25+	10A	NH	$25+	10A	NH	$25+	10A	NH	$25+
	Morongo (1)	10A	O	$30	10A	NH	$30	10A	NH	$30	10A	LH	$30	10A	NH	$30	11A	NH	$55	11A	NH	$45
		7P	NH	$45	7P	NH	$35	7P	NH	$5	7P	NH	$45	7P	NH	$97						
	Oceans Eleven	7P	NH	$50+	7P	NH	$50+	7P	NH	$50+	10A	NH	$40	10A	NH	$40	10A	NH	$75	11A	NH	$100+
	Pala Casino	11A&	NH	$35	11A&	NH	$35	11A&	NH	$35	11A&	NH	$35	11A&	NH	$35	11A&	NH	$40	11A	NH	$35
	Pechanga	10A	NH	$35	10A	NHB	$25	10A	NHB	$25	10A	NH	$25	10A	NH	$25	10A	NH	$25	10A	NH	$35
		7P	NH	$35				7P	NHB	$25												
	Santa Ysabel Casino	7P									7P	NH	$20	7P	NH	$50	2P	NH	$40	2P	NH	$25
	Soboba	10A	NH	$25	10A&	NH	$30	10A&	NH	$25	10A	NH	$30	10A&	NH	$25	11A	NH	$40	1P&	NH	$45
	Spotlight 29, Coachella	11A&	NH	$30	11A&	NH	$30	11A&	NH	$30	11A&	NH	$30	11A&	NH	$30	11A&	NH	$30	11A&	NH	$30
	Sycuan	6P	NH	$36	6P	NH	$36	6P	NH	$36	6P	NH	$36	6P	NH	$54	6P	NH	$54	6P	NH	$54
	Viejas	10A	NH	$12+	10A&	O NL	$12+	10A&	NH	$12+	10A&	O	$12+	10A&	NH	$12+	10A	NH	$12+	10A	NH	$12+
	Village Club	10A	NH	$25	10A	NH	$25	10A	NH	$25	10A	NH	$25	10A	NH	$25	10A	NH	$25	10A	NH	$25
CALIFORNIA-NORTH	Angie's Poker Club, Chico	11A	NH	$32	11A	NHB	$57	11A	NH	$32	11A	NH	$32	11A	NH	$57	11A&	NH	$32	11A&	NHB	$47
	Artichoke Joe's	11A	LH	$28+	11A	LH	$25	6P	LH O NL	$50+	11A	LH	$48							6P	NH	$49+
	Bay 101	9A	LH	$120	9A	LH	$120	9A	LH	$60+	9A	LH	$80+	9A	LH	$120	9A	LH	$200	9A	LH	$80
	Black Oak Casino, Tuolumne	11A	NH	$25	11A	NH	$25	11A	NH	$25	11A	NH	$25	11A	NH	$25	11A	NH	$25	11A	NH	$25
	Black Sheep Inn, Cameron Park																			2P	NH	$55
	Cache Creek				12P	O	$25+	12P	O NL	$55	6P	O	$10									
	California Grand																			10A		$55
	Cameo Club, Stockton	6P	NH	$40+				6P	NH	$40+										10A	LH	$30+
	Casino Club-Redding	11A	NH	$17	11A	NH	$17	11A	NH	$17	11A	NH	$17				3P	NH	$37	3P	NH	$37
	Casino Marysville				7P	NH	$30				7P	NH	$30				1P	NH	F	1P	NH	$30
	Casino Real Cardroom	10A	NH	$20	10A	NH	$20	10A	NH	$20	10A	NH	$20	10A	NH	$20	10A	NH	$20	10A	NH	$20
	Casino Royale	11A	NH	$15+	11A	NH	$15+	11A	NH	$15+	11A	NH	$15+	11A	NH	$30+				11A	NH	$60
	Central Coast Casino, Grover Beach				10A	NH	F				10A	NH	$5				10A	NH	$10			
	Central Coast Casino, Paso Robles	10A	NH	$5				10A	NH	$25				10A	NH	$5						
	Chukchansi Gold Casino	6P	NH	$45	6P	NH	$45	6P	NH	$45	6P	NH	$45	6P	NH	$110	9A	NH	$35	9A	NH	$35
	Chumash (12)	10A	NH	$35	10A	NH	$35	10A	NH	$35	10A	NH	$35	10A	NH	$35	10A	NH	$20+	10A	NH	$70
					7P	NH	$70	7P	NH	$35	7P	NH	$70									
	Club One Casino, Fresno	7P&	NH	$75	7P&	NH	$35+	7P&	NH	$55	7P&	NH	$85				10P	O	$14+	12P&	NH	$50
	Colusa Casino										6P	NH	$15+	6P	NH	$30+	4P	NH	$30+	2P Wk2	NH	$170
	Comstock Card Room, Tracy																12P	NH	$40+	12P	NH	$40+
	Del Rio Casino, Isleton				6P	LH	$15				6P	NH	$30+	6P	LH	$15	6P	LH	$15			
	Eagle Mountain Cas.-Porterville	2P	NH	$25	6P	NH	$35	2P	NH	$25	6P	NH	$25	2P	NH	$25				12P	NH	$35+
	Elk Valley Cas.-Crescent City	6P	NH	$35	6P	NHB	$30	6P	NH	F+	6P	NHB	$30							6P	NH	$35
	Feather Falls Cas., Oroville	6P	NH	$40+	6P	NH	$45+	6P	NH	$40+	6P	NH	$45+	6P	NH	$50+	12P	NH	Varies			
	The 500 Club, Clovis				7P	NH	$66													2P	NH	F
	Folsom Lake Bowl	6P	NH	$45				6P	NH	$45				10A	NH	$45+				12P	NH	$20+
	Garden City	10A&	NH	$120	10A&	NH	$120	10A&	NH	$120+	10A&	NH	$80+	10A&	NH	$150	10A&	NH	$150	10A&	NH	Varies
	Garlic Club-Gilroy	7P	NH	$35+	7P	NH	$35+	7P	NH	$35+	7P	NH	$35+	6P	NH	$35	6P	NH	$35	6P	NH	$35
	Gold Country Cas.-Oroville				12P	NH	$30	12P	NHB	$5	12P	NH	$40+	12P	NH O NL	$40	12P	NH	$40	12P	NH	$40
	Gold Rush							7P	NH	$20+							12P	NH	$20	7P	NH	$20+
	Golden West-Bakersfield (5)	6P	NHB	$65	6P	NH	$65	6P	NH	$65	6P	Varies	Varies	10A	NH	$35	2P	NH	$65	2P	NH	$50
														6P	NH	$65						
	Jackson Rancheria	10A&	NH	$30+	10A&	NH	$30+	10A&	NH	$30+	10A&	NH	$30+	10A&	NH	$30+	10A&	NH	$30+	10A&	NH	$30+
	Livermore Casino	11A	NH	$35+	11A	NH	$35+	11A	NH	$35+	11A	NH	$35+	11A	NH	$35+	11A	NH	$35+	7P	NH	$60

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SoCal Gaming Giant Haig Kelegian Retires from The Bike

March 2011 concluded Haig Kelegian's remarkable run as managing partner of the Bicycle Casino and tenure as an influential leader in California gaming.

Kelegian entered the gaming arena in 1982 as a shareholder in the Commerce Casino. His experience on their Board of Directors provided a unique, hands-on experience with the largest casino in California, and it paid off. He then purchased Ocean's Eleven Casino, a 47-table card casino in Oceanside, California, and a few years later, purchased the Bicycle Casino. He never looked back.

Kelegian became an energetic industry leader, seeing the need for California card rooms to work together to establish better regulatory measures, streamlined card room practices, and joint lobbying efforts. He was instrumental in revitalizing the California Gaming Association (CGA)—an organization committed to improving the state's gaming image and practices—where he served as president for three terms.

Dedicated to easing the gap between state cardrooms and tribal casinos, Kelegian continues to forge positive resolutions with State government and legislators as a member of the California Gambling Control Commission Advisory Committee.

Kelegian turned the Bike's reigns over to his protégé, Hashem Minaiy, the newly crowned Managing Partner and CEO, whom he hand-picked to manage his team in 1999 when Kelegian and his partners purchased the casino.

Kelegian's visionary approach has taken the Bike to worldwide recognition, and he remains a committed casino owner and will continue to contribute to the industry through various efforts.

Established in 1984, The Bicycle Casino is one of the largest card casinos in the country, and continues to be at the forefront of the poker revolution. Home of "Live at the Bike!"—the first high stakes cash game streamed live from the casino's floor—the Bike continues to pioneer innovative projects that evolve the sport of poker.

Why Do You Play Poker?

SENIORS SCENE

BY GEORGE "THE ENGINEER" EPSTEIN

Have you ever asked yourself: 'Why do I play poker?"

Whether or not we admit it, most play the game for recreation, with the money we win as a measure of success. But there is more to it than that.

There are two types of poker players:

(1) "Professionals" who depend on poker for a living.

They have no other significant source of income. If they are wise, they invest part of their winnings whenever they register a significant win. Their whole life is wrapped around the game of poker. Some give up their college education or quit their jobs to make room for playing poker. They often play in big tournaments, hoping to make big money. Some do... other's don't.

(2) "Recreational players" who play the game for enjoyment, but there may be other reasons.

This category represents the majority of poker players. They often have full-time jobs or are retired and play one or two times a week, often in home games with friends. They enjoy playing poker as a leisure activity—more like a hobby as distinct from an occupation. Those of us in this category play for diversion from the day-to-day grind of the real world—an escape from the news of wars, unemployment, and corruption in government that blasts out at us from the front pages of our newspapers. It's the same reason why so many people enjoy watching professional sporting events, or going to the movies *diversion*, a change from the daily routines of life.

Challenge. But playing poker is more than just a diversion; it offers a mental challenge. Can I make the right decisions during the game? It's like doing a crossword puzzle—a personal challenge—only more rewarding when you win money. It's analogous to accepting a dare, a test of your abilities.

Social Interaction. Socializing is yet another reason most of us enjoy poker. How many of you ever thought about it? It's being with other people, interacting with others, watching and talking to them, and sharing experiences. This is especially true for those who play in casinos or home games. Interacting with other people is an important part of human nature. Indeed, even birds and animals naturally socialize among themselves. There are flocks of birds, pride of lions, and all manners of animal groupings. Part of enjoying a day at the baseball game is being among other people, especially when you are all rooting for the same team.

It makes a difference in the games we play.

As recreational players, it's advisable to play at stakes with which you feel comfortable, with perhaps an occasional foray into slightly higher stakes. Most important, as the students in my poker classes and Poker Lab foreswear:

"Never, never, never ever play for the rent money."

No matter how skilled you become, there is always the matter of luck (chance) over which you have no control. Although skill can influence luck, it can never control it. The odds may be heavily in your favor, but—trust to luck—sometimes you will be rivered by a long shot. It happens.

Of course, going home a winner is our goal. And, indeed, it should be. As my wife, Irene, used to say: I enjoy winning, and the more I win, the more fun it is.

How About YOU? I don't claim to have all the answers, and would welcome your comments on this important topic. Perhaps we can jointly identify other reasons to play the game of poker ... and thereby contribute to the poker world we all love. I invite you to e-mail your comments to me at ***geps222@msn.com.*** Why do ***you*** play poker?

George "The Engineer" Epstein is the author of The Greatest Book of Poker for Winners! *and* Hold'em or Fold'em?—An Algorithm for Making the Key Decision *and teaches poker at the Claude Pepper Sr. Citizen Center in Los Angeles. Contact George at* ***geps222@msn.com.***

POKER PLAYER XWORD

Every other issue's crossword puzzle honors a poker celebrity and will be about that person's life. Today's puzzle honors not a person but a place—**Pechanga Casino.**

Crossword by Myles Mellor.

ACROSS

1. One of the working periods in a casino

4. Calls with nothing

7. 2001 computer

9. ___ eyed king

10. Poker pro, Dave "Devilfish" ____

11. Head __ head?

12. Great Temecula, California poker playing destination (goes with 22 across)

14. Salem state

15. He got a ___ beat

17. Having one's name in for a particular game (2 words)

19. Fearless

22. See 12 across

24. Observe

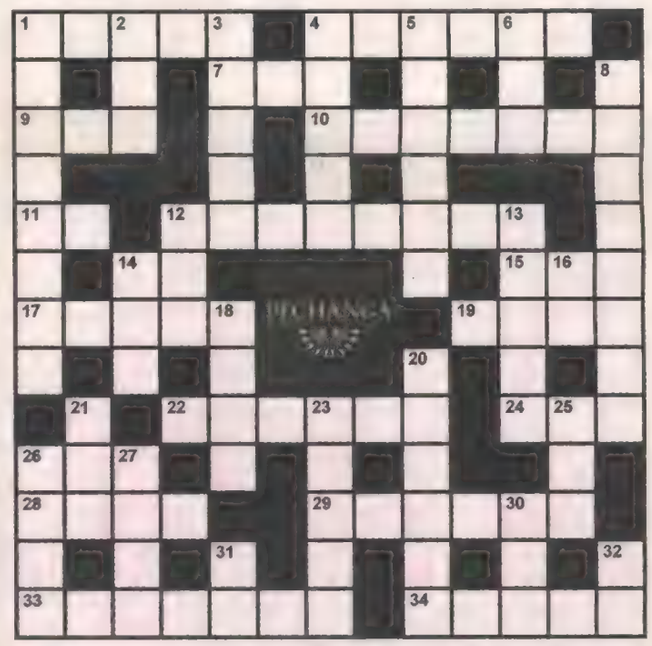
26. Put in the maximum number of raises permitted in a round of betting

28. Stand as the winning hand

29. Poker slang for three 3s

33. Shells out money (2 words)

34. Where you pay to stay



The correct solution to the puzzle will be found only at: www.pokerplayernewspaper.com. It will be posted on the cover date.

DOWN

1. Type of poker tournament where the winners of each table compete in a playoff (2 words)

2. Cold deck

3. Trey

4. Strong poker hand

5. Not a brick and mortar table!

6. Deuce

8. Overblind

12. Expert

13. Over

14. _____suit

16. R and B singer Green

18. Make a conclusion about someone else's hand

20. ____ street, the turn

21. Notorious Chairman

23. Describing the total action to which one player is entitled, when side post are involved (2 words)

25. At this time

26. Casino piece

27. Join a table

30. Three of a kind

31. A big ___

32. Chat term for high limit

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INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

• A Downey, California dentist and recreational poker player took home $56,000 in George Hardie's Match Play Championship, hosted at the Bicycle Club.

• "Mom Sells Baby to Play Poker" and other misleading headlines featured from Mike Caro's tabloid contest.

• Mason Malmuth tells us how to deal with aces-up.

• A tutorial on how to become a poker dealer from Bob Ciaffone.

• Poker related Horoscopes from "Swami Roy"

PHOTOS IN THIS ISSUE: Bob "Doc" Riley, Rich Woolley, Richie Richendollar, Rocky Maddox and more.

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Time. Some events start after the hour
A, P .... AM, PM
Wk .... Week
& .... Additional gametimes. Call.
H ..... Hold'em
NH .. No Limit Hold'em
LH Limit Hold'em
N .... No Limit
L .... Limit
S .... Stud
7 .7-Card Stud
5 .5-Card Stud
O ..... Omaha
H/LHigh/Low Split
Pi .... Pineapple
Po .... Pot Limit
Mx .Mexican Poker
DC Dealer's Choice
HH ...Headhunter
B .... Bounties
T .... Turbo
Sp L ...Spread Limit
Al ...... Alternates
Z .... Freezeout
Cz .... Crazy
E ...... Elimination
Q .... Qualify
Sh .... Shootout
+ Re-buys and/or Add-ons allowed
+RE .... Re-Entry
F .... Freeroll

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		TIME	GAMES	BUY-IN	TIME	GAMES	BUY-IN	TIME	GAMES	BUY-IN	TIME	GAMES	BUY-IN	TIME	GAMES	BUY-IN	TIME	GAMES	BUY-IN	TIME	GAMES	BUY-IN
CALIFORNIA-NORTH	Lucky Buck Cardroom, Livermore	9A	[illegible]	$25+	9A	[illegible]	$25+	9A	[illegible]	$25+	9A	[illegible]	$25+	9A	[illegible]	$25+	1P	[illegible]	$45+	5P	[illegible]	$60+
	Lucky Chances	9A	[illegible]	$120+	9A	[illegible]	$275	9A	[illegible]	$65+	9A	[illegible]	$120+							9A	[illegible]	$225+
	Lucky Derby Casino	9A	[illegible]	$15	9A	[illegible]	$15	9A	[illegible]	$15	6P	[illegible]	$70	9A	[illegible]	$15	9A	[illegible]	$60	10A	[illegible]	$30
	Merced Poker Room	11A&	[illegible]	$7	11A&	[illegible]	$7	11A&	[illegible]	$7	11A&	[illegible]	$7	11A&	[illegible]	$7	11A&	[illegible]	$7	11A&	[illegible]	$7
	Mike's Card Casino, Oakdale	10A	[illegible]	0+	10A	[illegible]	0+	10A	[illegible]	0+	10A	[illegible]	0+	10A	[illegible]	0+	10A	[illegible]	0+	10A	[illegible]	0+
	Napa Valley Casino	6P	[illegible]	$60	6P	[illegible]	$60	6P	[illegible]	$60							9A&	[illegible]	$40	9A&	[illegible]	$40
	Oaks Card Club-Emeryville	6P	[illegible]	$120	10A	[illegible]	65+	6P	[illegible]	$100+							11A	[illegible]	$120	1P	[illegible]	$125+
	Oceana Casino	9A	[illegible]	F+	9A	[illegible]	F+	9A&	[illegible]	F+	9A	[illegible]	F+	9A&	[illegible]	F+	9A	[illegible]	F+	9A	[illegible]	F+
	Pastime Cardroom, Benicia				7P	[illegible]	F				7P	[illegible]	F									
	Pete's 881 Club	6P	[illegible]	$80+													12P	[illegible]	$55+	6P	[illegible]	$45+
	Phoenix Casino	11A	[illegible]	$30+	11A	[illegible]	$30+	11A	[illegible]	$30+	11A	[illegible]	$30+	11A	[illegible]	$75				11A	[illegible]	$50
	Pit River Casino				7P	[illegible]	$20+													3P	[illegible]	$20+
	Poker Flats, Merced	11A&	[illegible]	$15	11A&	[illegible]	$15	11A&	[illegible]	$15	11A&	[illegible]	$15	11A&	[illegible]	$15	5P	[illegible]	$40			
	River Rock Casino-Geyserville							7P	[illegible]	$55							10A	[illegible]	$55			
	Sho Ka Wah, Hopland	5P	[illegible]	$55+										5P	[illegible]	$55+	5P	[illegible]	$75	5P	[illegible]	$15
	Tachi Palace Casino	7P	[illegible]	$40	7P	[illegible]	$40	7P	[illegible]	$50	9A	[illegible]	Varies	11A	[illegible]	$35	11A	[illegible]	Varies	9A	[illegible]	Varies
	The 101 Club				7P	[illegible]	$50	7P	[illegible]	$50	7P	[illegible]	$50							5P	[illegible]	$20+
	Thunder Valley Casino, Lincoln	1P&	[illegible]	$22	1P&	[illegible]	$22	1P&	[illegible]	$22	1P&	[illegible]	$22							3P	[illegible]	$55
	Turlock Poker Room	10A&	[illegible]	$15	10A&	[illegible]	$15	10A&	[illegible]	$15	10A&	[illegible]	$15	10A&	[illegible]	$15	10A&	[illegible]	$15	10A&	[illegible]	$15
	Wine Country Casino	10A	[illegible]	$35	10A	[illegible]	$35	10A	[illegible]	$35	10A	[illegible]	$35	10A	[illegible]	$35	10A	[illegible]	$35	4P	[illegible]	F+
	Win-River Casino, Redding	6P	[illegible]	$25+	6P	[illegible]	$25+	6P	[illegible]	$25+	6P	[illegible]	F+				11A	[illegible]	F+	5P	[illegible]	F+
SOUTHWEST AZ	Apache Gold							6P	[illegible]	$25+	7P	[illegible]	$20							3P	[illegible]	$20+
	Blue Water Casino										7P	[illegible]	$25							2P	[illegible]	$25
	Bucky's Casino				12P	[illegible]	$25+										12P	[illegible]	$25+	1P	[illegible]	
	Casino Ariz.-Scottsdale	11A	[illegible]	$60	7P	[illegible]	$130	7P	[illegible]	$130	11A	[illegible]	$60	11A	[illegible]	$60	10AWk4	[illegible]	$150			
	Casino Del Sol	10A	[illegible]	$10+	10A	[illegible]	$10+	10A	Cz Pi Z	$10+	10A	[illegible]	$10+	10A	Pi	$10+						
	Cliff Castle	10A	[illegible]	$25	10A	[illegible]	$25	10A&	[illegible]	$25	10A	[illegible]	$25	10A	[illegible]	$25	11A	[illegible]	$80+	10A	[illegible]	$25
	Fort McDowell	12P&	[illegible]	$13+	12P&	[illegible]	$13+	12P&	[illegible]	$13+	12P&	[illegible]	$13+	12P&	[illegible]	$13+	12P&	[illegible]	$13+	12P&	[illegible]	$13+
	Gila River/Wild Horse Pass	12P	[illegible]	$25+	7P	[illegible]	$50	7P	[illegible]	$20+	12P	[illegible]	$25+									
	Gila River-Vee Quiva	11A	[illegible]	$20	11A	[illegible]	$20	11A	[illegible]	$20	11A	[illegible]	$20							11A	[illegible]	$20
	Harrah's Ak Chin	1P&	[illegible]	$30+	1P&	[illegible]	$30+	1P&	[illegible]	$30+	1P&	[illegible]	$30+	1P&	[illegible]	$30+	12P&	[illegible]	$60	12P&	[illegible]	$60
	Hon-Dah Casino	6P	[illegible]	25+				6P	[illegible]	$40	6P	[illegible]	$40				4P	[illegible]	$30+	4P	Cz Pi	$30+
	Paradise Casino																1P	[illegible]	$13	1P	[illegible]	$13
CO	Double Eagle	7P	[illegible]	$50				7P	[illegible]	$60				7P	[illegible]	F						
	Lady Luck-Blackhawk	7P	[illegible]	$40	7P	[illegible]	$40	7P	[illegible]	$40	7P	[illegible]	$40	7P	[illegible]	$40	1P&	[illegible]	$40	2P&	[illegible]	$60
	Midnight Rose-Cripple Crk	8P	[illegible]	$60	7P	[illegible]	$50	7P	[illegible]	$50+	7P	[illegible]	$60									
	Sky Ute-Ignacio	7P	[illegible]	$30+	11A	[illegible]	$20	11A	[illegible]	$20	11A	[illegible]	$20	11A	[illegible]	$20	11A	[illegible]	$105	11A	[illegible]	$20
	Ute Mountain Casino-Towaoc	7P	[illegible]	$20+							7P	[illegible]	$20/F							3P	[illegible]	$10
KS	Golden Eagle	2P	[illegible]	$44							6P	[illegible]	$5+				3P	[illegible]	$18+	6P	[illegible]	$45
NM	Buffalo Thunder	6P	[illegible]	$60	6P	[illegible]	$60	6P	[illegible]	$60	6P	[illegible]	$60	6P	[illegible]	$110				6P	[illegible]	$110
	Isleta Casino & Resort	2P	[illegible]	$10+	2P	[illegible]	$20+	2P	[illegible]	$5+	2P	[illegible]	$20+	2P	[illegible]	$20+	2P	[illegible]	$5+	2P	[illegible]	$5+
	Route 66 Casino	10A	[illegible]	$25	10A	[illegible]	$25	10A	[illegible]	$25	10A	[illegible]	$25	10A	[illegible]	$25	1P	[illegible]	$18	7P	[illegible]	$25
	Sandia Casino (8)				7P	Var	$35													12P	Var	$35
	Santa Ana Star	11A	[illegible]	$25	11A	[illegible]	$25	11A&	[illegible]	$25	11A&	[illegible]	$25	11A	[illegible]	$25	11A&	[illegible]	$40	5P	[illegible]	$40
OK	Cherokee-Roland	10A	[illegible]	$35+	10A	[illegible]	$35+	10A	[illegible]	$35+	10A	[illegible]	$35+	10A	[illegible]	$35+	5P	[illegible]	$60+	5P	[illegible]	$115+
	Cherokee-W. Siloam	10A	[illegible]	$35+	10A	[illegible]	$35+	10A	[illegible]	$35+	10A	[illegible]	$35+	10A	[illegible]	$35+	10A	[illegible]	$35+	2P	[illegible]	$60
	Choctaw	2P&	[illegible]	$60+	2P&	[illegible]	$60+	2P&	[illegible]	$60+	2P&	[illegible]	$60+	7P&	[illegible]	$115	11A Wk1&	[illegible]	$115	3P Wk1&	[illegible]	$60
	Comanche Red River Cas.	12P	[illegible]	$30+	12P	[illegible]	$30+	12P	[illegible]	$30+	12P	[illegible]	$30+	12P	[illegible]	$30+	10A	[illegible]	$25+	10A	[illegible]	$25+
	Downstream	11A	[illegible]	$30	11A	[illegible]	$30	11A	[illegible]	$30	11A	[illegible]	$30	11A	[illegible]	$30	11A	[illegible]	$30	3P	[illegible]	$30
		7P	[illegible]	$35	7P	[illegible]	$35	7P	[illegible]	$60	7P	[illegible]	$35	2P	[illegible]	$25	3P	[illegible]	$10+			
	Firelake Grand Casino	11A	[illegible]	$30	11A&	[illegible]	$30	11A&	[illegible]	$30	11A&	[illegible]	$30	11A&	[illegible]	$30	2P	[illegible]	$100	2P	[illegible]	$120
	Gold River Casino-Anadarko	6P Wk1	[illegible]	F	6P	Sit and Go	$25	7P	[illegible]	$50	6P	[illegible]	$100-300	6P	[illegible]	$50-200	4P	[illegible]	$15+	2P	[illegible]	$25
	Hard Rock-Tulsa	10A&	[illegible]	$35	10A&	[illegible]	$35	10A&	[illegible]	$35	10A&	[illegible]	$35	10A&	[illegible]	$35	10A&	[illegible]	$35	10A&	[illegible]	$35
	Riverwind	11A&	[illegible]	$40	11A&	[illegible]	$40	11A&	[illegible]	$60	11A&	[illegible]	$85	11A	[illegible]	$40+	11A	[illegible]	$85	11A&	[illegible]	$40
	WinStar World Casino	7P	[illegible]	$115	7P	[illegible]	$60	1P	[illegible]	$60	1P	[illegible]	$115	11A	[illegible]	$165						

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Heritage

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day for a girl to be given her mother's maiden name for her middle name, especially if she came from a prominent family."

"But Louise doesn't sound like a family name."

"It may be. I had a buddy in the army from New Orleans whose name was Henri Louise."

"French! That rings a bell. I remember my father saying he and his mother and father often ate at San Francisco's French restaurants, and my grandmother loved to speak French to the waiters. I'd forgotten all about that."

"Hobby, for you, I'll give up my seat in the sun to sit in front of my computer and take a look. How's that."

"I knew I could count on you, Joe."

I found several branches of the Louise family in New Orleans and even located my old army buddy, Henri. After a couple more hours scanning marriage licenses I found pay dirt in St. Bernard Parish, part of New Orleans. "Hobby, take a look at this. Peter James Newton married Mary Louise Smith, July 23, 1907."

"That's got to be my grandfather, Joe. He went by, 'P.J.' Newton. Wow! Where do we go from here?"

"I'm not sure. Maybe I'll try to contact my old buddy, Henri Louise. He could be a relative of yours. But for now, I'm hungry. What's on the menu?"

"I've got a treat for you. Cajun blackened tuna steaks. When you mentioned New Orleans before, I remembered seeing a package of spices for blackened fish. That, with about a pound of butter and the big skillet and I'll have a mouth-watering treat for you. Pedro is fixing a mexi-rice dish to go with it."

After many dead ends I finally located Henri, who needless to say was surprised as hell to hear from me. He told me there were not many left of the Louise family's older generation, but he had a maiden-aunt who knew all the family secrets. "My aunt Annabelle is 93 and lives in a nursing home, but last time I talked to her she was sharp as a tack. Only thing is, she's a bit hard of hearing; you'll have to talk loud."

I got her on the phone and took several minutes to explain what I was looking for. After giving her Hobby's grandmother's name she said. "Yes, my grandmother had a sister who married a man named Smith. It was a bit of a scandal in our family, marrying the English. I remember they had a wild daughter, could have been Mary, who ran off with a Mississippi Riverboat gambler. I can't quite remember his name."

"That's very helpful, Ms. Annabelle. That gambler may have been my friend's grandfather."

"What was his grandfather's name?"

"I understand they called him, P.J. Newton."

"Yes," she cried out in a crackly voice, "that's it, Newton, but he wasn't any Sir Isaac!"

"Ms. Annabelle, that's fantastic. I'm sure Hobby will want to talk to you about the family. Would that be alright?"

"Well, I'd be happy to talk to him, but you tell him, I'd like to see him. I don't get many visitors."

We were seated in the lounge gobbling up the delicious blackened tuna when Hobby said, "Joe, you found out something, didn't you?"

"Yes, I did." I paused for effect. "Your grandfather was a Mississippi Riverboat gambler."

A cherished moment, picture Hobby—mouth agape, eyes bugging out, hand holding a forked piece of tuna, still as a statue.

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Caro's Word: "Confidence"

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But when I say to appear confident, I don't mean you need to appear skillful. A lot of your profit can come from not seeming to play solid poker. We've talked a lot about that in the past. The trick is to make opponents think you're playing much worse than you actually are. That wins you the calls you need to amass huge profits.

Here's are the ingredients of the best image to convey: (1) You look like you know what you're doing; (2) You look like you're having fun dancing around and not doing it; (3) You seem confident, anyway.

If you can get that demeanor in action, you're on the profit path.

Question 5: Is it all right to seem arrogant?

No.

There's a huge difference between confidence and arrogance. You can be confident and still be friendly. You can still giggle. You can be confident and opponents will still seek you out for their weakest plays, because you've made it comfortable for them to lose to you. They know you're fun to play against and don't mind being drawn out on. That kind of confidence makes money.

But arrogance in poker doesn't usually make money, even if you look confident, too. When you're arrogant, you're not going to get extra calls from weak hands. Those extra calls happen just because you're a painless player to lose to—and you don't seem arrogant.

In fact, if you appear arrogant, most opponents are going to single you out and avoid you. They'll find losing to you unpleasant, so why spend that extra, discretionary, weak money in your pots?

Arrogance is especially bad if you also belittle opponents' play. Then they're sure to avoid providing you with extra profit. They'll be motivated to play their best game and beat you. They'll try not to make the mistakes that caused you to humiliate them. And if they stop making mistakes, does that help you or hurt you? Don't answer. Rhetorical question.

So, arrogance, never. Confidence, yes, as long as you can stay popular.

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DEAR ACE

Dear Ace,

I'm a regular at a local cardroom, and there's a dealer who I've flirted with a few times. A few weeks ago, we went out after her shift was over, and now she keeps calling me and trying to make eye contact. I'm ready to move on, and it's distracting my game. How do I get out of this?

—Lost in Translation

Dear Lost,

You ever hear the expression "Don't defecate where you eat?" Probably not, because that's not the word used in the expression—however, I am a lady and that is how I'm going to say it.

So, you're in a jumble. You made the moves on a dealer, she got attached and now your comfortable place at the poker table is in jeopardy. I suggest you handle this quickly and with care so you don't end up having to drive to the next nearest cardroom.

Now, one date certainly does not entitle another person to a relationship with you, or your constant attention. However, you should know that we womenfolk are exponentially less likely than you menfolk to be able to handle that casual, no-strings attached thing. Sure, some are. But it's a safer bet to assume that unless otherwise indicated, girls are likely to get attached.

If at all possible, be straightforward with this girl—you didn't mean to give her the wrong idea—so let her down gently. Besides, it wouldn't look right with management for a regular to date a dealer, so essentially, you're saving her job.

Have this talk as soon as possible. But don't go all-in on my advice…

WHAT WOULD JOKER DO?

Talk is cheap. In my experience, sometimes girls have a hard time "getting it." Get one of your lady friends to accompany you to the cardroom when this girl is working. Have your friend give you a little kiss while the dealer is watching, and she should get the hint. Bonus: this is also an opportunity to explore feelings with one of your female friends

Ace is a 27 year old PokerBrat with a knack for the written word and a self-proclaimed ability to tell it like it is. If necessary—she is also willing to provide character references from several facebook friends. She credits at least half of her savoir-faire to her father—a well-known aficionado of all things gambling.

Joker is a long-time friend of Ace. You may not ask directly for advice from Joker, but whether you admit it or not, most people have, at one time or another, wondered W.W.J.D?

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			TIME	GAMES	BUY-IN	TIME	GAMES	BUY-IN	TIME	GAMES	BUY-IN	TIME	GAMES	BUY-IN	TIME	GAMES	BUY-IN	TIME	GAMES	BUY-IN	TIME	GAMES	BUY-IN
PACIFIC NORTHWEST	OR	Astoria Bar & Poker Room, Eugene	7P	N H B	$30	7P	N H	$30+	7P	N H B	$35	7P	N H	$45	7P	N H	$30	3P	NHB Deepstack	$50	3P	N H Deepstack	$110
		Chinook Winds Casino	4P	H	$25+	4P	O H/L	$25+	4P	N H	$25+	4P	Tahoe H/L	$25+	4P	H	$25+				4P	N H	$25+
		The Club House-Sutherlin							7P	N H	$20				7P	N H	$20						
		Full House Poker	7P	N H	$20+	7P	N H	$25	7P	N H	$50	7P	N H	$10	7P	N H	$100+	7P	N H	$25	7P(LastWk)	N H	$55
		International Poker House	7P	N H	$10+	7P	N H	$20+	7P	N H Sh	$25	7P	N H	$25	7P	N H	$25	2P&	N H B	$25	2P&	N H	$200
		Seven Feathers-Canyonville							6P	N H	$0+				6P	N H	$0+	3PWk1&3	N H	$25+			
		Spirit Mountain	7P	N H	$60	7P	N H B	$90	7P	N H T	$25+				12P	H O Tahoe	$60	12P	N H	Var			
		Wildhorse Casino Resort	6P	N H	$13	6P	N H	$30+	6P	HORSE	$30+	6P	N H	$55				1P	N H	$30	1P	N H	$35
	WA	Angel of the Winds-Arlington	10A&	N H	$33	10A&	N H	$33	10A&	N H	$33	10A&	N H	$33	10A&	N H	$33	10A&	N H	$33	10A&	N H	$33
		Blue Mountain Casino	1P	N O H/L	$20+	1P	N H	$20+	1P	N H	$20+	1P	N O H/L	$20+	1P	N H	$20+	1P	N O H/L	$20+	1P	N H	$20+
		Cable Bridge-Kennewick	12P	N H	$25	12P	N H	$25	12P	N H	$25	12P	N H	$25	12P	N H	$25	12P	N H	$25	12P	N H	$25
		Chips Bremerton	9A	N H	$20	9A	N H	$20	9A	N H	$20	9A	N H	$20	9A	N H	$20	9A	N H	$20	9A	N H	$20
		Chips La Center	12P	N H	$35	12P	N H	$35	12P	N H	$35	12P	N H	$35	12P	N H	$35	12P	N H	$100	12P	N H	$35
		Chips Lakewood	9A	N H	$20	9A	N H	$20	9A	N H	$20	9A	N H	$20	9A	N H	$20	9A	N H	$20	9A	N H	$20
		Club Caribbean-Yakima	12P&	N H	$40	12P&	N H	$40	12P&	N H	$40	12P&	N H	$40	12P&	N H	$40	12P&	N H	$40	12P&	N H	$40
		Crazy Moon Casino	10A	N H	$25	10A	N H	$25	10A&	N H	$25	10A&	N H	$25	10A	N H	$25	10A&	N H	$25	10A&	N H	$60
		Final Table Cas., Everett	12P	N H	$30+	12P	N H	$30+	12P	N H	$30+	7P&	Lad N H	$25+	12P	N H	$30+	12P	N H	$30+	12P	N H	$50+
		Freddie's Club-Fife	11A	N H	$40	11A	N H	$40	11A	N H	$40	11A	N H	$40	11A	N H	$40	11A	N H	$40	11A	N H	$40
		Golden Nugget-Tukwila	8A	N H	$30	8A	N H	$30	8A	N H	$30	8A	N H	$30	8A	N H	$30	9A	N H	$30	9A	N H	$30
		LilacLanes-Spokane	10A&	N H	$25	10A&	N H	$25	10A&	N H	$25	10A&	N H	$25	10A&	N H	$25	12P&	N H	$20	12P&	N H	$20
		Little Creek Casino	7P	N H	$25+	7P	N H B	$35	6P	N H	$45	7P	N H	$55	10A	N H	$35	10A	N H	$35	5P	O H/L	$30
		Lucky Eagle	6P	N H	$60				6P	N H B	$40	6P	N H B	$40	6P	N H	$40	1P	N H	$60	1P	N H	$60
		Muckleshoot Casino	7P&	N H	$65	7P&	N H	$65	7P&	N H	$65	7P&	N H	$65							7P&	N H	$65
		Northern Quest-Spokane	10A&	N H	$40	10A&	N H	$40	10A&	N H	$40	10A&	N H	$40	10A&	N H	$40	10A&	N H	$75	10A&	N H	$50
		Point Defiance Cafe & Cas., Tacoma	10P	N H	$40	7P	N H	$115	10P	N H	$40	7P		$65	10P		$40	10P		$40	7P	N H	$115
		Silver Dollar Casino-Bothell	10A	N H	$20	10A&	N H	$20	10A	N H	$20	10A&	N H	$20	10A	N H	$20	12P	N H	$40	12P	N H	$40
		Silver Dollar Casino-Renton	8A&	N H	$35	8A&	N H	$35	8A&	N H	$35	8A&	N H	$35	8A&	N H	$35	8A	N H	$35	8A	N H	$35
		Skyway Park Bowl	11A&	N H	$30	11A&	N H	$30	11A&	N H	$30	11A&	N H	$30	11A&	N H	$30	11A&	N H	$30	4P	N H	$30
		Snoqualmie Casino	10A	N H	$30	10A	N H	$30	10A	N H	$30	10A	N H	$30	10A	N H	$30	11A	N H	$60	11A	N H B	$60
		Suquamash Clearwater	11A	N H	$20	11A	N H	$20	11A	N H	$20	11A	N H	$20	11A	N H	$20	11A	N H	$20			
		Swinomish Casino-Anacortes	12P	N H	$22	12P	N H	$22	12P	N H	$11+	12P	O H/L	$22	12P	N H	$22	12P	N H	$44	12P	N H	$22
		Tulalip	7P&	N H	$40	7P&	N H	$50	7P&	N H	$40	7P&	N H	$125	1P&	O Po	$75	11A&	N H	$90	12P	N H B	$125
NORTHWEST	MT	Black Jack's Casino										7P	N	F $100									
	ND	4 Bears Casino							7P	7	$10+	7P	O H/L	$10+	7P	H	$10+	2P	H	$20+			
		Dakota Magic	7P	S	F+	7P	N H	$30+	7P	S H/L	F+	7P	H/L Sp Z	$25	7P	N H		2P	N H	$30+	3P	H	F+
		Dakota Sioux	6P	7 H/L	$10+										6P	O H/L	$10+	4P	N H	$25+	4P	N H Z	$60
	SD	Gold Dust Cas., Deadwood				7P	H	$35	7PWk1	H	$110	7P	H	$50							2P	H	$40
		Rosebud Casino	7P	N H	$30+										7P	N H	$30+	7P	N H	$30+			
		Silverado Casino Deadwood	6P	N H	$44				7P	B N H	$65	7P	N H	$11+							3P	N H	$88
NORTHEAST	CT	Foxwoods	6P	N H	$230	6P	N H	$150+	6P	N H	$230	6P	N H	$180	6P	N H	$340	12P	N H	$560	12P	N H	$340
		Mohegan Sun	9A	N H	$60+	9A	N H	$60+	9A	N H	$60+	9A	N H	$60+	9A	N H	$60+	9A	N H	$60+	9A	N H	$60+
	DE	Delaware Park	7P&	N H	$60	7P&	N H	$60	7P&	N H	$60	7P&	N H	$60	7P&	N H	$145	7P&	N H	$145	7P&	N H	$60
		Dover Downs	12P&	N H	$65	12P&	N H	$65	12P&	N H	$65	12P&	N H	$65	12P&	N H	$65	12P&	N H	$80	12P&	N H	$65
		Harrington Raceway				11A	N H	$60				11A	N H	$60				11A	N H	$60+			
		Rockingham Park, Salem				6P	N H	$40	6P	N H	$40	6P	N H	$40	6P	N H	$60	2P	N H	$60	2P	N H	$60
	NH	The Lodge at Belmont	7P&	Super Stack Turbo	$50	7P&	N H	$50	7P&	N H B	$60	7P&	N H	$40	7P&	N H	$20+	7P&	Big Stack	$50	4P&	N H	$50
	NJ	Borgata	11A&	N H	$100	11A&	N H	$80	11A&	N H	$120	11A&	N H	$100	12P&	N H	$200	11A&	N H Deepstack	$180	11A&	N H	$50+
		Caesars Atlantic City	3P	N H	$80+	3P	N H	$80+	3P	N H	$80+	3P	N H	$80+	3P	N H	$80+	1P	N H	$100+	7P	N H	$85+
		Harrah's Atlantic City	10A&	N H	$50	10A&	N H	$50	10A&	N H	$50	10A&	N H	$50	10A&	N H	$50	10A&	N H	$50	10A&	N H	$50
		Tropicana	11A&	N H	$62	11A&	N H	$62	11A&	N H	$62	11A&	N H	$62	11A&	N H	$62	11A	N H	$122	11A&	N H	$62
		Trump Taj Mahal	6P	N H	$120	6P	N H	$65	6P	N H	$65	6P	N H	$120	6P	N H	$225	6P&	N H	$340	6P	N H	$120
	NY	Seneca Allegany (23)	11A&	N H B	$55	11A&	N H	$40	11A&	N H	$60	6P	N H Deepstack	$90	11A	Terminator	$60	10A	N H	$120	12P	N H	$60
		Seneca Niagara (23)	10A&	N H	$60	10A&	N H	$60	10A&	N H	$60	10A&	Poker League	$95	10A	N H	$60	10A	Deepstack	$120	10A&	N H	$50
		Turning Stone	12P&	N H	$70	12P&	N H	$50	12P&	N H	$50	12P&	N H Sh	$70	12P&	N H	$70	11A&	N H	$90	11A&	N H	$125
	PA	Hollywood Casino-Grantville	12P	N H	$65+	12P	N H	$65+	12P&	N H	$65+	12P&	N H	$65+	12P	N H	$65+						
		The Meadows	10A	N H	$40	10A	N H	$40	7P	N H	$120	7P	N H B	$65	12A	N H Deepstack	$50	3P	N H Deepstack	$225	10A	N H	$40
		Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs	10A&	Sit N Go	$60	10A&	Sit N Go	$60	10A&	Sit N Go	$60	10A&	Sit N Go	$60	10A&	Sit N Go	$60	10A&	Sit N Go	$60	10A&	Sit N Go	$60
MIDWEST	IA	Catfish Bend	7P	N H	$20+	7P	N H	$60	7P	N H	$20+	7P	N H	$60	7P	Lad N H	$15+	3P	N H	$20+	3P	N H	$60
		Diamond Jo's "Worth"				7P	N H Bad Beat	$50				7P	N H Bad Beat	$50				3P	N H Sh	$60	3P	N H	$35+
		Isle of Capri	6P	N H	$60	6P	N H	$25	6P	N H	$55	6P	N H	$40									
		Winna Vegas				7P	N H B	$60	7P	N H	$25+				7P	N H	$15+	12P	N H	$25+	12P	N H	$25+
	IL	Hollywood Casino-Aurora							1P	N H	$160										11A	N H	$90
		Par-A-Dice Casino-E Peoria																			11A	N H	$115
	IN	Belterra (Florence)	12P	N H	$60	12P	N H	$60	12P	N H	$60	12P	N H	$60	12P	N H	$60	11A	N H	$60	11A	N H	$60
		Blue Chip Casino				12P	N H	$80	7P	N H	$115				11A	N H	$105						
		Hollywood Casino	11A	N H B	$125	11A	N H	$70	11A	N H	$100	11A	N H	$70	11A	N H	$100	11A	N H	$70	11A	N H	$150
		Horseshoe Hammond				12P	N H	$110				12P	N H	$110	12P	N H	$210				12P	N H	$210
		Horseshoe Southern Indiana	12P	N H	$80	12P	N H	$50+	7P	N H B	$155+	12P	N H	$50+				12P	N H	$150+	3P	N H	$81+
		Indiana Live Casino	3P	N H	$50	1P	N H	$50	12P	N H	$60	6P	N H Lad	$40	2P	N H	$100						
		Majestic Star	7P&	N H	$100+	7P&	N H B	$80	7P&	N H	$50	7P&	N H	$80+	7P&	N H B	$125	7P&	Deepstack	$100	11A&	N H	$50
	MI	Chip-In's Island							6P	Pi	$10+	6P	N H	$30+	6P	N H	$40+	1P	N H	$60	3P	N H	$25+
		The Island Resort, Harris							6P	Pi	$10+	6P	N H	$35+	6P	N H	$35+	1P	N H	$35+	6P	N H B	$25+
		Lac Vieux Desert Cas., Watersmeet																			2P	N H	$30+
		Turtle Creek	7P	N H	$40	7P	N H	$40	7P	N H	$40	7P	N H	$10+	7P	N H	$40				2P	N H	$120
	MN	Canterbury Park	10A	N H	$45	6P&	N H	$45	10A&	N H	$45	12P&	Sit N Go	$60/105	10A&	N H	$45	10A&	N H	$180	10A&	N H	$45
		Northern Lights Casino	2P	N H	$10	6P	N H	$30				6P	N H	$60	6P&	L H	$20+	12P	N H	$50	2P	N H	$40
		Shooting Star Casino	12P	N H	$25	12P	N H Z	$25	12P	N H	$25+	12P	N H Z	$25	2P	N H Z	$25	12P	N H	$50+	12P		$30+
		Treasure Island	6P	N H Deepstack	$70				6P	N H	$60	7P	N H	$50							4P	N H	$70
	MO	Harrah's-N Kansas City	6P	N H	$30	6P	N H	$30	6P	N H	$30	6P	N H	$30	10A	N H	$30	10A	N H	$30	10A	N H	$30
		Harrah's-St Louis	1P&	N H	$25	1P&	N H	$25	1P&	N H	$25	1P&	N H	$140	1P&	N H	$40	2P	N H	$110	12P	N H	$25
		Lumiere Place	12P&	N H	$35	12P&	N H	$35	12P&	N H	$35	12P&	N H	$35	12P	N H	$55	4P	N H	$55	12P&	N H	$35
	WI	Menominee Casino	7P	N H	$25+				7P	N H	$40+	6P&	N H Sat	$30	7P	N H Sat	$40 +	12P	N H	$60			
		Oneida Casino, Green Bay	7P	N H	$35+				7P	N H	$65+												
		Potawatomi Northern Lights, Carter				6P		$30+				6P		$55+									
		St Croix Casino, Turtle Lake										6P	N H	$60				12P	N H	$75			
	WV	Mardi Gras	1P	N H	$70	7P	N H	$65	7P	N H B	$75	1P&	N H	$40				10A Wk1&3	N H	$45	Var	Var	Var
		Mountaineer Casino	12P&	N H	$40	12P&	N H	$60	10P&	N H	$50	12P&	N H	$50	12P&	N H B	$65	12P	N H	Varies	2P	N H	$65
SOUTHEAST		Grand Coushatta				6P	H	F+										12P	Var	Var			
	LA	Horseshoe Casino-Shreveport	6P	N H	$75+				11A	N H	$75+												
		Isle of Capri-Lake Charles	6P	N H B	$70	6P	N H	$90	6P	N H	$60	6P	Po O	$115	12P&	N H	$60	12P	N H	$115	2P	N H B	$60
		Paragon Casino Resort	7P	N H	$20+							7P	N H B	20+	7P	N H	$60+	4P	N H Lad	20+			
	MS	Gold Strike Casino	4A&	N H	$65	5P&	N H	$90+	11A&	N H	$35+	5P&	N H Z	$120	5P&	N H	$120+	11A&	N H	$35+	1P&	B N H	$65+
		Harrah's Tunica	1P	N H	$60	1P	N H	$70	1P&	N H	$80	1P&	N H	$90	1P&	N H	$100	1P&	N H	$110	1P&	N H	$50
		Horseshoe Casino (Tunica)	7P	N H Survivor	$55	7P	N H Deepstack	$55	7P	N H Super Deepstack	$100	7P	N H B	$50	6P	N H Deepstack	$55	4P	N H 10K Guar	$150	2P	N H Super Deepstack	$100
		Isle of Capri-Biloxi	3P	N H Z	$45	2P	N H B Z	$60	7P	N H B	$40+	2P	N H Z	$60	3P	N H Z	$60	3P	N H B	$60	10A&	Varies	Varies
		Pearl River Resort	7P	N H	$20+	7P	N H	$20+							2P	N H Sh	$35						
		Silver Star-Choctaw	7P	N H	$35+	7P	Turbo N H	$40	7P	Turbo N H	$40	7P	Turbo N H	$40	2P	N H Z	$35	2P	N H	$60+	2P	Turbo N H	$40
FLORIDA		Dania Jai-Alai	6P&	N H B	$25	6P&	N H	$100	6P&	N H B	$25	6P&	N H B	$50	6P&	N H	$100	6P&	N H B	$100	5P&	N H B	$50
		Derby Lane	1P&	N H	$25+	1P&	N H	$45	1P&	N H	DeepStack $60	1P&	N H	DeepStack $60	2P&	N H	DeepStack $60	2P&	N H	$60	1P	N H	DeepStack $60
		Ebro Greyhound	8P	N H	$40	8P	N H	$20	8P	N H	$50+RE	8P	N H	Qual Players F	8P	N H	$65+RE	8P&	N H	$30	2P	N H	Varies
		Gulfstream Park Racing & Casino	6P&	N H	$60	6P&	N H	$60	6P&	N H	$60	6P&	N H	$60	6P&	N H	$60	6P&	N H	$120	6P&	N H	$60
		Hard Rock	12P	N H	$100	12P	N H	$100	12P	N H	$100	12P	N H	$100	12P	N H	$100	10A	N H	$100	12P	N H Deepstack	Varies
		Mardi Gras Gaming Ctr, Hollywd	12P&	Sit N Go	$45	12P&	Sit N Go	$42	12P&	Sit N Go	$45	12P&	Sit N Go	$42	12P&	Sit N Go	$45	12P&	Sit N Go	$45	12P&	Sit N Go	$45
		Orange Park Kennel Club	2P	N H	$70	4P	N H	$45	4P	N H	$45	2P	N H	$70	2P	N H	$35	4P	N H	$65	1P	N H	$65
		Palm Beach Kennel Club	12P&	N H Z	$65	12P&	WSOPC Satellite	$30+	12P&	N H	$30+	12P&	N H	$65+	12P&	N H	$100+	12P&	Deepstack	$120+	12P&	N H	$100+
		Seminole Casino Brighton	7P	N H	$125	7P	N H	$35+	7P	N H	$20+				7P	N H	$150	7P	N H	$130			
		Seminole Hollywood Cas.	12P&	N H	$150	12P&	N H B	$120	12P&	N H B	$150	12P&	N H B	$150	12P&	N H	$100	12P&	N H	$65	12P&	N H B	$150
		St. John's Greyhound Park	1P	N H	$35	1P	N H	$70	1P	N H	$65	1P	N H	$30	7P	N H B	$100	2P	N H	$125	4P	N H	$65
		Tampa Bay Downs	1P&	N H	$40	1P&	N H	$40	1P&	N H	$40	1P&	N H	$80	1P&	N H	$40	1P&	N H	$80	1P&	N H	$80
		The Isle at Pompano Park	2P&	N H	$60+	2P&	N H B	$55	2P&	N H	$100	7P	N H B	$150	7P	N H	$150	2P&	N H	$200	2P&	N H	$120
CANADA		Casino Regina				8P	Var	$25+															

Superstition

CARD SENSE

BY ASHLEY ADAMS

For some, luck is not immutable or unpredictable. It is both predictable and "influencable." These superstitious souls believe not just that they can recognize lucky trends but that they can attract more good luck for themselves and repel bad luck by adhering to certain superstitious behavior.

I am a firm believer in rational thought. The notion that something may supernaturally influence the cards I'm going to be dealt is, to my mind, absurd. Even so, I'm observant enough to notice that others may be superstitious at the poker table. To the extent that I can understand their superstitions, and somehow divine whether my opponent is feeling especially lucky or unlucky, I can exploit them.

Many players have a lucky talisman or charm. Some have a Buddha figurine, pyramid, coin, or other "lucky" card protector. For most, they are nothing but keepsakes that they like having around. But for others they appear to the owner to be possessed with special powers. To see how superstitious they are, offer to buy it from them and see how they react.

You may know that seat and table selection are an important part of profitable play—helping you better exploit certain types of players. But for many, the seat itself is imbued with special powers to attract or repel good luck. A seat vacated by a large winner might be sought by these superstitious sorts. When you eye a strategic seat change, you may want to inquire about the fate of the last occupant to throw off any suspicion that you are a skillful player.

Some believe that a random event is less likely to happen once it has already happened. You see these folks at the baccarat table keeping track of how many times the deck has favored Player or Banker. At the poker table they tend to be less likely to believe that a player who just showed down aces truly has the aces he is representing just a few hands later—believing irrationally that he isn't "due" yet. Reinforce these irrational beliefs by agreeing with them heartily.

Some players consider it unlucky to sell chips to another player at the table—preferring, irrationally, to have them buy their chips from the dealer. Others think it lucky to buy chips from a player as he is leaving the table—hoping that the chips come with the good luck that won them. Green and black chips are sometimes considered unlucky to have in a red chip game. I've noticed many players who try to sell me their $25 chip when I'm playing $10-$20 stud. Frankly, I try to accumulate as many green and black chips as I can in any game—but that's just me.

I've noticed superstitious behavior when it comes to picking up cards. Some players say that it is unlucky to pick up or even touch the cards when they're dealt. Some think it's lucky to do so. Others think it unlucky to touch another's cards when they're being dealt—refusing to shove an errantly dealt card to the proper player. I don't know how I might take advantage of these superstitions—but I'm trying to figure out a way.

My experience with superstitious players is that they tend to be more likely to gamble and less likely to be highly skilled. That being said, some of the best players I know have one sort of a superstition or another. So don't assume that just because someone brings a lucky orange to the table that he's going to be a fish!

After a long spell of getting no playable hands I've found it useful sometimes to project the image of a wildly superstitious player. I clap my hands really loudly and then make large sweeping motions with my arms. I then look around and say that I'm trying to dismiss the bad luck that was hovering around me. I'll then fiercely rub the felt in front of me, "trying to activate the luck magnet." No, it may not convince my opponents that I'm irrational or superstitious, but at the very least it tends to lighten up the mood of the table with a laugh.

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DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
	APRIL 2011	
➜Apr 1-17	**Poker Classic**	**Casino Delaware Park, Wilmington, DE**
Apr 1-18	Heartland Poker Tour Event	Majestic Star Casino, Gary, IN
Apr 1-27	Venetian Deepstack Extravaganza II	Venetian Resort Hotel Casino, Las Vegas, NV
➜Apr 4-26	**Hustler Spring Classic**	**Hustler Casino (Ad Pg 7), Gardena, CA**
➜Apr 5-15	**PokerStars.net North American Poker Tour**	**Mohegan Sun, Uncasville, CT**
Apr 7-17	IP Poker Classic	IP Casino Resort Spa, Biloxi, MS
Apr 13-17	Minnesota State Championships	Canterbury Park, Shakopee, MN
Apr 13-24	Spring Poker Round-Up	Wildhorse Casino & Resort, Pendleton, OR
Apr 13-29	Sping Break Open	Borgata Hotel, Casino & Spa, Atlantic City, NJ
➜Apr 14-17	**$63K Texas Hold'em Tournament**	**Inn of the Mountain Gods, Mescalero, NM**
Apr 14-30	Circuit Event	(S)Caesars Palace, Las Vegas, NV
➜Apr 27-May 1	**Deepstacks Poker Tour Seneca Niagara Open**	**Seneca Niagara Casino (Ad Pg 23), Niagara Falls, NY**
Apr 27-May 1	Western Canadian Poker Classic	Casino Yellowhead, Edmonton, AB, Canada
Apr 27-May 3	Seminole Hard Rock Showdown	(T)Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, Hollywood, FL
➜Apr 27-May 8	**National Ch'ship of Poker**	**Hollywood Park Casino (Ad Pg 15), Los Angeles, CA**
Apr 27-May 10	Circuit Event	(S)Harrah's Chester, Chester, PA
	MAY 2011	
May 6-15	Heartland Poker Tour Event	Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort, Mt. Pleasant, MI
May 9-22	Circuit Regional Championship	(S)Harrah's New Orleans, New Orleans, LA
➜May 12-22	**East Coast Poker Ch'ships**	**Turning Stone Resort & Casino, Verona, NY**
May 12-22	Spring $50K Freeroll	Choctaw Casino Resort, Durant, OK
May 13-15	South Dakota Poker Ch'ship	Silverado Franklin Hotel Gaming Complex, Deadwood, SD
➜May 13-23	**Nevada State Championship**	**Peppermill Resort Spa Casino (Ad Pg 20), Reno, NV**
May 17-23	Mega Stack Challenge XX	Foxwoods Resort & Casino, Mashantucket, CT
May 21-29	The Orleans Open	The Orleans Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, NV
➜May 23-June 5	**Mega Millions Series**	**Bicycle Casino (Ad Pg 2), Bell Gardens, CA**
May 27-29	Circuit National Championship	(S)Caesars Palace, Las Vegas, NV
May 27-July 13	Deep Stack Extravaganza III	The Venetian, Las Vegas, NV
➜May 27-June 4	**4-States Poker Ch'ship**	**Downstream Casino Resort (Ad Pg 13), Quapaw, OK**
May 31-July 20	World Series of Poker	Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, NV
	JUNE 2011	
June 4-21	The Grand Poker Series	The Golden Nugget, Las Vegas, NV
	JULY 2011	
July 21-31	Summer Pot of Gold	Grand Sierra Resort-Casino, Reno, NV

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California State Poker Championship

May 4th - 22nd, 2011

#	Day	Date	Time	Event			Buy-in
1	Wed	May-4	2pm	No Limit Hold'em ƒ Day 1A	Enter or Re-Enter on any following Start Day	$400,000 Guaranteed $100,000 for 1st Place	$220
	Thu	May-5	2pm	No Limit Hold'em ƒ Day 1B			$220
	Fri	May-6	2pm	No Limit Hold'em ƒ Day 1C			$220
	Sat	May-7	2pm	No Limit Hold'em ƒ Day 1D			$220
2	Sat	May-7	5pm	Limit Hold'em		$50,000 Guaranteed	$220
3	Sun	May-8	2pm	Knockout Bounty No Limit Hold'em** One Day Event		$50,000 Guaranteed	$220
4	Sun	May-8	5pm	Omaha 8 or Better		$50,000 Guaranteed	$335
5	Mon	May-9	2pm	Double Stack No Limit Hold'em			$335
6	Mon	May-9	5pm	H.O.R.S.E.			$335
7	Tue	May-10	2pm	6 Handed No Limit Hold'em			$335
8	Tue	May-10	5pm	No Limit • All-In or Fold One Day Event		$25K Guaranteed $10K for 1st	$120
9	Wed	May-11	2pm	No Limit Hold'em Turbo†	Enter or Re-Enter on any Start Day or Start Time	$300,000 Guaranteed $100,000 for 1st Place	$125
	Wed	May-11	7pm	No Limit Hold'em Turbo†			$125
	Thu	May-12	2pm	No Limit Hold'em Turbo†			$125
	Thu	May-12	7pm	No Limit Hold'em Turbo†			$125
	Fri	May-13	2pm	No Limit Hold'em Turbo†			$125
	Fri	May-13	7pm	No Limit Hold'em Turbo†			$125
	Sat	May-14	2pm	No Limit Hold'em Turbo†			$125
	Sat	May-14	7pm	No Limit Hold'em Turbo†			$125
10	Sun	May-15	2pm	No Limit Hold'em Reverse Turbo One Day Event		$50,000 Guaranteed	$335
11	Mon	May-16	2pm	Double Stack No Limit Hold'em			$545
12	Mon	May-16	5pm	No Limit Turbo One Day Event		$50,000 Guaranteed	$220
13	Tue	May-17	2pm	No Limit Hold'em		$50,000 Guaranteed	$335
				Etern-ament 2 hour Levels		$2,575 Seat Added	
14	Tue	May-17	5pm	H.O.R.S.E.		$2,575 Seat Added	$1,065
15	Wed	May-18	2pm	No Limit Hold'em		$100,000 Guaranteed	$335
						$2,575 Seat Added	
16	Wed	May-18	5pm	Knockout Bounty No Limit Hold'em***		$2,575 Seat Added	$1,575
	Thu	May-19		Mega Satellite Day 11am, 3pm & 7pm		One Seat Added to each Mega	$335
	Fri	May-20	11am	Last Chance Mega Satellite			$335
17	Fri	May-20	2pm	No Limit Championship* Day 1		$500,000 Guaranteed	$2,575
	Sat	May-21	2pm	No Limit Championship* Day 2			
	Sun	May-22	2pm	No Limit Championship* Day 3			

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